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SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

TAXATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY—N. A. Swickard, Lachlin McLean, W. H. Cory.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1901.

EDUCATION—W. H. Jordan, J. E. Houlgate, N. A. Swickard, Wm. S. Shepherd, J. B. Dibble.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS—E. E. Dean, J. Clark DuVal, Gilbert D. Brown, N. P. Johnson, C. O. Walker.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY—A. C. Stevens, A. W. Thurston, John Kaye, William Cave, W. H. Cory.

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RESOLUTIONS—W. F. Minty, W. B. Redburn, Thomas Sanderson, Lachlin McLean, A. S. Mason.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—T. H. Youngman, G. F. Hopkins, W. L. Meinzer, W. D. Deeble, J. B. Dibble.

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STATE OF CHURCH—W. I. Graham, W. B. Redburn, E. E. Dean, L. L. Lane, H. F. Hitch.

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MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

Andover.....	\$100 00	Langford.....	100 00
Ashton.....	78 00	Mellette.....	50 00
Bowdle and Roscoe.....	125 00	Monnd City.....	100 00
Britton.....	50 00	Northville.....	50 00
Claremont.....	50 00	Selby and Bangor.....	150 00
Conde.....	80 00	Warner.....	125 00
Devoe.....	125 00	District.....	400 00
Doland.....	100 00		
Frederick and Leola.....	125 00	Total.....	\$1,908 00
Hecla.....	100 00		

HURON DISTRICT.

Alpena.....	\$70 00	Miller.....	90 00
Blunt.....	7 00	Okobojo.....	80 00
Burdette.....	80 00	Onida.....	75 00
Cavour.....	60 00	Pierre.....	70 00
De Smet.....	130 00	Redfield.....	80 00
Faulton.....	90 00	Wessington.....	80 00
Forest City.....	74 00	Wessington Springs.....	70 00
Gettysburg.....	100 00	Winthrop.....	90 00
Highmore.....	80 00	Wolsey.....	80 00
Hitchcock.....	50 00	District.....	360 00
Iroquois.....	90 00		
Lebanon.....	80 00	Total.....	\$2,049 00

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

Armour.....	\$100 00	Platte.....	100 00
Bard.....	40 00	Plankington.....	100 00
Canistota and Riverside.....	140 00	Scotland.....	100 00
Chamberlain.....	60 00	Springfield.....	100 00
Ethan.....	60 00	Tyndall.....	60 00
Geddes.....	100 00	White Lake.....	60 00
Howard.....	100 00	Woonsocket.....	140 00
La Roche.....	60 00	District.....	360 00
Letcher.....	40 00		
Mt. Vernon.....	100 00	Total.....	\$1,893 00
Parkston.....	73 00		

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

Alcester.....	\$56 00	Lodi.....	40 00
Beresford.....	40 00	Montrose.....	75 00
Dell Rapids.....	60 00	Parker Circuit.....	3 00
Elk Point.....	80 00	Valley Springs.....	70 00
Gayville.....	48 00	Wakonda.....	60 00
Hartford.....	60 00	Worthing.....	70 00
Hudson.....	40 00	Yankton.....	75 00
Hurley.....	50 00	District.....	175 00
Jordan.....	180 00		
Lennox.....	40 00	Total.....	\$1,222 00

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

Arlington.....	\$40 00	Kampeska.....	80 00
Aurora.....	50 00	Lake Preston.....	100 00
Big Stone.....	45 00	Sisseton.....	90 00
Bradley.....	50 00	Summit and Twin Brook.....	65 00
Bristol.....	60 00	Waubay.....	100 00
Castlewood and Bruce.....	50 00	Webster.....	40 00
Clark.....	100 00	White Rock.....	70 00
Clear Lake.....	50 00	Willow Lakes.....	90 00
Garden City.....	50 00	District.....	300 00
Gary.....	50 00		
Henry.....	48 00	Total.....	\$1,598 00
Hazel.....	70 00		

CONFERENCE ROLL.

NAME.	ENTERED CONFERENCE.		ENTERED DAKOTA CONFERENCE.		CONFERENCE RELATION.	ADDRESS.
	TIME.	CONFERENCE.	TIME.	MANNER.		
Allison, J. D.....	1891	South Dakota	1891	Transfer.....	Sup'y	White
Baker, Frank.....		South Dakota		Probation.....		Arlington.....
Beavis, R. B.....	1894	British Col...	1896	Credentials.....	Eff've	Dell Rapids
Bromaghin, F. L...	1891	South Dakota	1895	Probation.....	Eff've	Warner
Brown, G. D.....	1897	South Dakota	1897	Probation.....	Eff've	Wessington Sp'gs
Brown, S. F.....	1866	Wyoming.....	1885	Charter Member	Supt	Bangor.....
Carhart, A. E.....	1892	Dakota.....	1892	Probation.....	Eff've	Mitchell.....
Chamberlain, D. W.		N. W. Iowa.....	1885	Charter Member	Supt	Scotland
Chappell, E. S.....	1892	Dakota.....	1892	Probation.....	Eff've	Sioux Falls.....
Chappell, S. A.....	1897	Dakota.....	1897	Probation.....	Eff've	Alexandria.....
Cleworth, W. C.....	1897	Dakota.....	1895	Probation.....	Eff've	Chicago.....
Coon, H. S.....	1897	Dakota.....	1897	Probation.....	Eff've	Bradley
Corwin, G. J.....	1886	Dakota.....	1886	Probation.....	Eff've	Platte
Cory, W. H.....	1891	Dakota.....	1891	Probation.....	Eff've	Rath.....
Curl, H. T.....	1867	Des Moines.....	1885	Charter Member	Supt	W. Oakland, Cal...
Clark, C. B.....	1864	Iowa.....	1900	Transfer.....	Eff've	Deadwood.....
Dean, E. E.....	1896	Dakota.....	1896	Probation.....	Eff've	Conde.....
Deeble, W. D.....	1888	Dakota.....	1888	Probation.....	Eff've	Britton
Dibble, J. B.....	1890	Dakota.....	1890	Probation.....	Eff've	Yankton
Dobson, J. O.*.....	1892	Upper Iowa.....	1892	Transfer.....	Eff've	Sioux Falls.....
Duval, J. C.....	1899	West Neb.....	1899	Transfer.....	Eff've	Hartford.....
Emmott, Amos.....	1898	Dakota.....	1898	Probation.....	Eff've	White
Fox, Frank.....	1900	Dakota.....	1900	Probation.....	Eff've	Langford.....
Graham, W. I.....	1878	Iowa.....	1897	Transfer.....	Eff've	Mitchell
Gram, W. O.....	1893	Dakota.....	1893	Probation.....	Sup'y	Bath
Greene, W. A.....	1897	Dakota.....	1897	Probation.....	Sup'y	Little Rock, Ark...
Gurney, J. T.....	1896	Detroit.....	1900	Transfer.....	Eff've	White Lake
Hager, C. F.*.....	1878	Upper Iowa.....	1885	Charter Member	Eff've	Mitchell
Hall, E. P.*.....		North Dakota	1896	Transfer.....	Eff've	Aberdeen.....
Hall, J. G.....	1897	Ohio.....	1886	Transfer.....	Supt	Silver City, Nev...
Hall, John.....		Black Hills.....	1900	Transfer.....	Eff've	.....
Harkness, J. S.....	1894	Wesleyan.....	1894	Credentials.....	Eff've	Webster
Hartsough, L.....	1853	Oneida.....	1885	Charter Member	Supt	Mt. Vernon, Ia....
Hopkins, G. F.....	1888	British Col....	1893	Credentials.....	Eff've	Flandreau.....
Houlgate, J. E.....	1896	Debraska.....	1898	Transfer.....	Eff've	Pierre.....
Ingersoll, P. S.....	1899	Dakota.....	1899	Probation.....	Eff've	Selby
Jamieson, A.....	1872	N. W. Iowa.....	1885	Charter Member	Eff've	Beresford.....
Janes, A. P.....	1890	Dakota.....	1890	Probation.....	Eff've	Plankinton.....
Jenkins, J. P.*.....	1887	Dakota.....	1887	Probation.....	Eff've	Huron
Johnson, N. P.....	1894	W Nor Danish	1899	Transfer.....	Eff've	Delmont
Jolly, A. J.....	1893	Bulgaria.....	1894	Transfer.....	Eff've	Madison, N. J.....
Jordan, W. H.....	1887	Dakota.....	1887	Probation.....	Eff've	Sioux Falls.....
Kaye, John.....	1897	Dakota.....	1897	Probation.....	Eff've	Valley Springs....
Knight, H. F.....	1883	Wisconsin.....	1891	Transfer.....	Eff've	Clear Lake.....
Lane, L. L.....	1899	Dakota.....	1899	Probation.....	Eff've	Sisseton.....
Lewtas, John.....	1893	Dakota.....	1893	Probation.....	Sup'y	Tacoma, Wash....
Logsdan, C. E.....	1899	Upper Iowa.....	1899	Transfer.....	Eff've	DeSmet.....
Matteson, C. E.....	1892	Dakota.....	1892	Probation.....	Eff've	Madison
MacDuffee, F. C.....	1894	Dakota.....	1894	Probation.....	Eff've	Custer.....
Mason, A. S.....	1892	Rock River.....	1899	Transfer.....	Eff've	Brookings.....
McLean, D. C.....	1890	Dakota.....	1890	Probation.....	Eff've	Vermillion.....
McLean, L.....	1883	Cent. Illinois..	1895	Transfer.....	Eff've	Elk Point.....
Meitzer, W. L.....	1897	Dakota.....	1897	Probation.....	Eff've	Redfield
Minty, W. F.....	1877	Rock River.....	1885	Charter Member	Eff've	Woonsocket.....
Nichols, F. T.....	1889	Dakota.....	1889	Probation.....	Eff've	Parker
Nickerson, M. E.....	1885	N. W. Iowa.....	1885	Charter Member	Eff've	Armour.....
Norton, F. J.....		Upper Iowa.....	1895	Transfer.....	Eff've	Mt. Vernon.....
Norvell, J. E.....	1885	N. W. Iowa.....	1885	Charter Member	Eff've	Miller
Notson, G. T.....	1892	Des Moines.....	1894	Transfer.....	Eff've	Centreville.....
Potter, I. P.....	1897	Dakota.....	1897	Probation.....	Eff've	Canistota.....
Parker, G. H.....	1895	British Col....	1895	Credentials	Eff've	Andover
Phillips, O. A.....	1863	Unit'd Br'th'n	1885	Charter Member	Eff've	Sioux Falls.....
Redburn, W. B.....	1889	Missouri.....	1897	Transfer.....	Eff've	Faulkton

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Redfield W. O	1890	Dakota.....	1890	Probation.....	Eff've	Wakonda
Rifenbark, D *.....	1885	N. W. Iowa.....	1885	Charter Member	Eff've	Watertown
Sanderson, T.....	1895	Dakota.....	1896	Probation.....	Eff've	Groton.....
Shepherd, A. C.....	1896	Dakota.....	1896	Probation.....	Eff've	Canton
Shepherd, W. S.....	1896	Dakota.....	1896	Probation.....	Eff've	Salem
Simmons, T.....	1875	Upper Iowa.....	1885	Charter Member	Sup'y	Chicago
Springer, H. M.....	1864	W. Wisconsin.....	1885	Charter Member	Supt	Hazel
Starkey, J. B.....	1874	N. W. Iowa.....	1898	Re-admission ..	Sup'y	Pittsburgh, Pa.....
Stevens, A. C.....	1894	Dakota.....	1894	Probation.....	Eff've	Watertown
Stewart, W. B.....	1893	Dakota.....	1893	Probation.....	Eff've	Alpena
Swickard, N. A.....	1891	Kansas.....	1896	Transfer.....	Eff've	Aberdeen ..
Tanner, A E.....	1863	Genesee	1885	Transfer.....	Eff've	Hudson
Thurston, A. W.....	1897	Dakota.....	1897	Probation.....	Eff've	Iroquois
Underwood, Wm.....	1858	Rock River.....	1887	Transfer.....	Eff've	White Lake
Walker, T. H.....	1864	Can. Wesleyan ..	1885	Charter Member	Supt	Heber, Ark.....
Washburn, S.....	1863	Rock River.....	1887	Transfer.....	Supt	Chicago.....
Wilkinson, T.....	1871	Prim. Methou' ..	1891	Credentials	Supt	Mt. Vernon.....
Watson, S. J.....	1890	Dakota.....	1897	Probation.....	Eff've	Milbank
Williams O.	1860	Des Moines.....	1892	Transfer.....	Eff've	Scotland
Wilkinson, H. S.....	Upper Iowa.....	1900	Transfer.....	Eff've	Huron.....
Watson, J. E.....	Dakota.....	1900	Probation.....	Eff've	Ashton.....
Walker, C. O.....	1900	Dakota.....	1900	Probation.....	Eff've	Hazel
Youngman, T. H.....	1867	Oneida.....	1891	Transfer.....	Eff've	Mitchell.....

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PROBATIONERS.

NAME.	ADMITTED.		CLASS.	ADDRESS.
	CONFERENCE.	YEAR.		
Baldwin, F. E.....	Montana	Second Year.....	Geddes.....
Bunt, P. I.....	Dakota.....	1900	First Year.....	Chicago.....
Boyce, O. I.....	Dakota.....	1900	First Year.....	Bristol.....
Case, F. F.....	Dakota.....	1899	Second Year.....	Alcester.....
Cave, Wm. A.....	Dakota.....	1899	Second Year.....	Howard.....
Ehlers, Wm. C.....	Dakota.....	1899	Second Year.....	Henry.....
Farr, H. I.....	Dakota.....	1900	First Year.....	Hurley.....
Hitch, H. F.....	Dakota.....	1896	Second Year.....	Worthing.....
Rigby, A. E.....	Upper Iowa.....	1899	Second Year.....	.....
Saxton, E. E.....	Dakota.....	1899	Second Year.....	Hitchcock.....
Sevy, I. B.....	Dakota.....	1896	Second Year.....	Bigstone City.....
Stamp, T. A.....	Dakota.....	1899	Second Year.....	Egan.....
Stiles, B. F.....	United Br't'n ..	.....	First Year.....	Winthrop
Slocum, W. P.....	Dakota.....	1900	First Year.....	Letcher.....
Paulson C. G.....	Dakota.....	1900	First Year.....	Highmore.....
Smith, M. W.....	Dakota.....	1900	First Year.....	Okobojo.....
Ward, A. M.....	Dakota.....	1900	First Year.....	Northville.....
Dalrymple, H. A.....	Upper Iowa.....	1899	First Year.....	Parkston.....
Martin, Thomas.....	Black Hills.....	.....	Second Year.....	Terry

Journal.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1900.

Opening—The Dakota Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in its Sixteenth Annual Session in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, October 10th, 1900, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

In the absence of Bishop Merrill, the Rev. J. P. Jenkins, Secretary of the last session, called the conference to order, and read a telegram from the Bishop, stating that he was detained by the illness of Bishop Ninde, and could not reach Sioux Falls until Thursday morning. In accordance with his instructions, the conference proceeded to organize by the election of Rev. J. O. Dobson, president, on the second ballot.

Upon taking the chair, Dr. Dobson announced hymn No. 8, and after addressing the conference, read the 54th chapter of Isaiah, and assisted by the other Presiding Elders, and Rev. L. Hartsough administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Roll-Call—J. P. Jenkins, Secretary of the last conference, called the roll and the following responded: Baker, Beavis, Bromaghin, Brown, S. A. Chappell, Coon, Corwin, Dean, Deeble, Dibble, Dobson, DuVal, Emmott, Hazen, Hall, Harkness, Hartsough, Hopkins, Houlgate, Ingersoll, Jamieson, Janes, Jenkins, Johnson, Jordan, Lane, L. McLean, Meinzer, Minty, Matteson, Nicholls, Nickerson, Norton, Norvell, Notson, Phillips, Redburn, Redfield, Rifenbark, Sanderson, A. C. Shepherd, W. S. Shepherd, Simmons, Smith, Stevens, Stewart, Swickard, Tanner, Thurston, Williams, Youngman.—(51).

Also the following probationers: Case, Cave, Ehlers, Rigby, Saxton, Sevy, Stamp, Fox, Hitch, J. E. Watson and Walker.—(11).

Absentees—It was announced that Brother A. Jamieson was called from the seat of the Conference to attend a funeral, and that Bro. John Kaye was detained by the death of his youngest child.

Organization—The conference completed its organization. G. T. Notson was elected Secretary; W. S. Shepherd and R. B. Beavis were elected Assistants.

J. S. Harkness was re-elected Treasurer, and named A. C. Shepherd and A. S. Mason as Assistants.

A. P. Janes was re-elected Statistical Secretary, and named P. S. Ingersoll, W. L. Meinzer, S. A. Chappell, C. E. Matteson and S. J. Watson, Assistant Statisticians.

Postmaster—Frank Baker was re-elected Postmaster.

Bar—The bar of the Conference was fixed in front of the second post of the lecture room.

Program—On motion, the program prepared by Dr. Jordan, was adopted as the official program of the Conference.

Communication—J. S. Harkness read a communication from the Corresponding Secretaries of the Missionary Society, giving notice that contributions to the India Famine Fund, could not be counted as a part of the missionary collection.

Reporter—J. E. Houlgate was elected Reporter for the Sioux Falls daily papers.

Revisals—The list of the Standing Committees for 1900 was called and revised.

The Presiding Elders were added to the Committee on Education.

Memoirs—On motion, A. P. Janes, A. W. Thurston, L. L. Lane, C. E. Matteson, and N. A. Swickard were elected a Committee on Memoirs.

Collector—W. O. Redfield was elected collector for the World Wide Missions.

Conference Relations—Voted that all the candidates for admission on trial, by credentials and on certificates of location, also those to be received into full connection, be required to appear before the Committee on Conference Relations, and all the cases of Supernumeraries and Superannuates, and those who are likely to have their relations changed to either of the above relations, be referred to the same Committee.

Age Limit—The age limit for admission on trial was re-affirmed at thirty-five years.

Publisher—N. A. Swickard was elected Publisher of the Minutes for this year, and upon motion, he was also made the Publisher for 1901. The published minutes were made the official record.

Statistical Session—It was voted that a Statistical Session be held at the close of the Pentecostal service.

Adjournment—After calling the committees, the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Dobson.

STATISTICAL SESSION—5 P. M.

Dr. Dobson called the Conference to order.

Statistics—The statistics and financial reports were collected, after which the Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, October 11, 1900.

Opening—The Conference convened at 8:30 a. m., Rev. W. O. Redfield conducting the devotional services.

Dr. Dobson assumed the chair at 9 o'clock. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Absentees—The Secretary called the names of absentees and the following six responded: Cory, Graham, Kaye, Potter, Underwood, and S. J. Watson.

Conference Roll—On motion, the Conference Roll was ordered revised, omitting the year of birth and place of nativity, and inserting the manner of entrance into this Conference.

Visitors—Rev. Manley S. Hard was introduced and addressed the Conference on the work of the Church Extension Society.

The Rev. H. D. Jenks, of the West Wisconsin Conference, and the Rev. J. W. Mahood, of the Northwest Iowa Conference, were introduced.

Mrs. Della P. Geggie, of Duluth, Minn., representing the Woman's Home Missionary Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Taxation—A special committee consisting of N. A. Swickard, L. McLean and W. H. Cory was appointed to consider the matter of taxing church property and report to this Conference.

Bishop Merrill—Bishop Merrill arrived at 10:15, and assumed the chair.

Question Thirteen—Was the Character of Each Preacher Examined?—was taken up. The following Presiding Elders were called, passed in character, and read their reports: E. P. Hall, Aberdeen District; J. P. Jenkins, Huron District; J. O. Dobson, Sioux Falls District; C. E. Hager, Mitchell District; D. Rifenbark, Watertown District.

The Presiding Elders were called forward, and separately questioned by the Bishop, as to the observance of the missionary rule, the keeping of the church records, the titles and insurance of church property, the maintenance of the class meeting and the character of all the effective elders on their districts.

The characters of all the effective elders were passed, and the following named reported: N. A. Swickard, W. D. Deeble, W. H. Cory, F. L. Bromaghin, W. B. Redburn, A. W. Thurston, J. E. Norvell, J. E. Houlgate, W. L. Meinzer, Thomas Simmons, M. E. Nickerson, I. P. Potter, G. J. Corwin, T. H. Youngman, F. J. Norton, O. Williams, A. P. Janes, W. F. Minty, R. B. Beavis, O. A. Phillips, C. E. Matteson, G. T. Notson, G. F. Hopkins, J. C. DuVal, A. Jamieson, A. E. Tanner, F. T. Nicholls, W. H. Jordan, W. B. Stewart, John Kaye, D. C. McLean, W. O. Redfield, L. McLean, Frank Baker, A. S. Mason, H. M. Springer, S. J. Watson, A. C. Stevens, J. S. Harkness and J. B. Dibble.

J. B. Starkey—The name of J. B. Starkey was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Introductions—Dr. Geo. B. Smyth, of Foochow Conference, was introduced and represented the Missionary Society.

Rev. Frank L. Hart, of West Wisconsin Conference, was introduced and spoke for the Mutual Church Insurance Co.

R. N. Chapman, collector for the Book Concern, was introduced and made an announcement.

Committee—A special committee composed of W. D. Deeble, C. E. Matteson, C. E. Logsdon, A. S. Mason and W. F. Minty was elected on church insurance.

Closing—Wm. Underwood was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises Friday morning, notices were given, and the Conference adjourned by expiration of time. Bishop Merrill pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, October 12, 1900.

Opening—The Conference convened at 8:30 a. m., Rev. Wm. Underwood conducting the devotional exercises.

Bishop Merrill took the chair at 9 o'clock. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Drafts Ordered—The Bishop announced that the Conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for \$22.00: and on the Book Concern for \$370.00. Drafts were ordered.

Episcopal Fund—Communication from the treasurer of the Episcopal Fund was referred to the Presiding Elders.

Question Five—Who Have Been Continued on Trial?—was taken up. A. E. Rigby, Wm. A. Cave, Thos. A. Stamp, Frederick F. Case,

Edgar E. Saxton, William C. Ehlers, passed in character, reported, were represented by their Presiding Elders and Examiners, and advanced to the studies of the Second Year.

Isaac B. Sevy was passed in character, represented by his Presiding Elder and Examiners, and was advanced to the studies of the Second Year.

Middleton W. Smith and Henry A. Dalrymple passed in character, reported, were represented by their Presiding Elders and Examiners and continued in the studies of the First Year.

Question Nine—What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year?—was taken up. Sherman A. Chappell passed in character, reported, was represented by his Presiding Elder and Examiners and advanced to the studies of the Fourth Year.

Charles E. Logsdon, Louis L. Lane, Henry F. Knight, Perry S. Ingersoll, passed in character, reported, were represented by their Presiding Elders and Examiners, and continued in the class of the Third Year.

William C. Cleworth and William A. Greene passed in character and continued in the studies of the Third Year.

R. M. Stavely's case referred to a Committee of Five for Inquiry, as follows: T. H. Youngman, J. E. Houlgate, A. Jamieson, W. D. Deeble and J. B. Dibble.

Examinations—Voted that we re-adopt our plans and rules for examination in the Conference Course of Study.

Question Ten—What Members Have Completed the Conference Course of Study?—was taken up. Arthur C. Shepherd, William S. Shepherd, Amos Emmott, Gilbert D. Brown, Edmund E. Dean, Thomas Sanderson and Hiram S. Coon passed in character, reported, were represented by their Presiding Elders and Examiners, and elected to Elder's Orders.

William O. Gram was passed in character and continued in the studies of the Fourth Year.

Introductions—The Rev. D. B. Scott, D. D., pastor of the Congregational Church of the city: the Rev. W. H. Holmes, D. D., of the Rock River Conference: the Rev. J. F. Chaffee, of Northern Minnesota Conference: the Rev. Frank B. Cowgill, D. D., of Minnesota Conference: and Miss M. A. Moore, Deaconess of Asbury Hospital, Minneapolis, Minn., were introduced.

Question Seven—Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?—was taken up. Frank Fox, Joseph E. Watson, and Charles O. Walker were called forward, answered the usual disciplinary questions, and were addressed by the Bishop. They passed in character, reported, were represented by their Presiding Elders, the Examiners and Com-

mitttee on Conference Relations, and admitted into full membership.

Joseph E. Watson was elected to Deacon's Orders, Frank Fox and Charles O. Walker having been previously ordained.

Asbury Hospital Dr. J. F. Chaffee addressed the Conference on behalf of Asbury Hospital.

Solicitor—S. J. Watson was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the Methodist Review.

Closing—Announcements were made, committees called, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. W. H. Holmes.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, October 13, 1900.

Opening—Conference convened at the usual hour. Rev. J. W. Mahood conducted the devotional exercises.

The Bishop assumed the chair at 9 o'clock.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Introductions—Rev. S. W. Dickinson, Field Agent American Bible Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Rev. F. B. Cowgill, of Minnesota Conference, presented the interests of the Midland Christian Advocate.

Question Eleven—What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?—was taken up? William A. Cave, recommended by the Springfield Quarterly Conference, was represented by his Presiding Elder and Examiners, and elected to local Deacon's Orders.

Question Five—was resumed. Harvey F. Hitch, passed in character, reported, was represented by his Presiding Elder and Examiners, and continued in the Class of the Second Year.

Arthur M. Ward, passed in character, reported, was represented by his Presiding Elder and Examiners, and advanced to the studies of the Second Year.

Question Twenty-Two—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?—J. D. Allison, W. A. Greene, Wm. O. Gram, passed in character, and were continued in the Supernumerary relation.

N. P. Johnson and F. C. MacDuffee passed in character, and were made effective. N. P. Johnson was placed in the studies of the Third Year.

Thomas Simmons and John Lewtas were granted the Supernumerary relation.

J. B. Starkey was given the Supernumerary relation, and the Bishop requested, if possible, to secure his transfer to the Pittsburgh Conference.

R. M. Stavely—The Committee of Inquiry in the case of Robert M. Stavely, reported. His case was referred to a Select Number of Eleven for trial, with a view to his location. W. H. Cory, W. B. Redburn, F. J. Norton, A. Jamieson, J. B. Dibble, W. D. Deeble, G. D. Brown, O. Williams, C. E. Matteson, A. C. Stevens, and J. C. DuVal were constituted the Select Number.

G. F. Hopkins was appointed counsel for the Church, and Wm. Underwood for the defendant.

A. E. Carhart was appointed by the Bishop to preside over the trial, and R. B. Beavis was designated to act as secretary.

Requests—Voted that we request the appointment of one Conference Evangelist, and upon motion, the Bishop was asked to appoint Joseph E. Norvell as Conference Evangelist.

Moved that we request the Bishop to appoint A. E. Carhart, Conference Temperance Agent, and E. S. Chappell, Assistant Superintendent of the Children's Home Society, of South Dakota.

Question Twenty-Three—Who are the Superannuated Preachers?—was taken up. Lewis Hartsough and Sanford Washburn were called and addressed the Conference. They were passed in character, and continued in their present relation.

D. W. Chamberlain, H. T. Curl and T. H. Walker passed in character, and were also continued in this relation.

Addresses—Dr. C. M. Heard, editor of the Conference Examiner, spoke in behalf of that publication.

Miss Moore presented the needs of the Asbury Hospital.

Dr. M. C. B. Mason spoke briefly on the work of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and reported the Anniversary collection taken last night as \$100.00.

Dr. J. F. Berry was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interests of the Epworth Herald and on the work of the Epworth League.

Time Extended—On motion the time was extended.

Dr. Mason—The Conference, upon learning the refusal of the management of the Teton Hotel of this city, to admit Dr. M. C. B. Mason to their dining room, raised a special committee consisting of E. P. Hall, T. H. Youngman and Wm. Underwood to formulate resolutions expressing the sentiments of this Conference upon the matter. The committee offered the following resolutions, which were adopted by a rising vote:

Whereas, we learn that the management of the Teton Hotel of Sioux Falls, to which the Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., had been sent

as the guest of Dr. W. H. Jordan, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of this city, refused to permit Dr. M. C. B. Mason, to enter and take his meals in the dining room because of his color, therefore resolved:

1. In view of the action of the management of said hotel, the Dakota Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, expresses its most positive disapproval of this shameful and uncalled for treatment of one of the most talented ministers of our church, who is employing his splendid gifts in the interests of the education of both white and colored citizens of the Southern States.

2. We are astonished that such an unjustifiable insult could possibly be offered to a Christian gentleman. We take it as an insult to this Annual Conference, to the Church we represent and to the millions of our fellow-countrymen of African descent and to the intelligent dignity of American manhood.

3. Said action is also in violation of the Constitution and Laws of the United States. We are sure the large audience who heard the eloquent address of Dr. Mason in this church, will condemn and rebuke the spirit which prompted this uncalled for indignity offered to one of our most distinguished representatives.

—Wm. Underwood.

—T. H. Youngman.

—E. P. Hall.

It was voted that these resolutions be furnished the daily papers of Sioux Falls and the Sioux City Journal for publication.

Closing—After announcements were made, the Conference adjourned until 4 o'clock this afternoon. Dr. Berry pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opening--Bishop Merrill assumed the chair at 4 o'clock.

Question Twenty-Three--Was resumed. S. F. Brown, Thomas Wilkinson, Wm. Underwood and J. G. Hall were passed in character and continued in the Superannuated relation.

Henry M. Springer was given the Superannuated relation.

Transfers--Frank E. Baldwin, a probationer in the studies of the Second Year, was transferred from the Montana Conference.

The transfer of Geo. H. Parker from the Oregon Conference was announced.

Question Four--Who Have Been Received on Trial?--was taken up. Christian G. Paulson, Pierce O. Bunt, William P. Slocum, Henry I. Farr and Orien E. Boyce having been regularly recommended by their Quarterly Conferences, represented by their Presiding Elders, the Examiners and the Conference Relation Committee were admitted on trial.

Question Thirty--Where shall the next Conference be Held?--was taken up. The invitation of Milbank was unanimously accepted.

Select Number--The report of the Select Number in the case of R. M. Stavelly was received. Notice of appeal was given by counsel for defendant.

Reports--Reports from the following committees were received and adopted:

Church Insurance, Education and Temperance.

The report of the visitors to the Garrett Biblical Institute was received.

Question Three--Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?--was taken up. Benjamin F. Stiles was received on trial on credentials from the United Brethren Church and placed in the class of the First Year.

Conference Minutes--Subscriptions were taken for the Conference Minutes.

Closing--Announcements were made and the Conference adjourned to meet in business session at 8:30 o'clock, Monday morning.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, October 15, 1900.

Opening--Conference opened by singing No. 726. W. F. Minty led in prayer.

Minutes--The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Reports--The reports of the following committees were received and adopted: Sunday Schools, Sabbath Observance, Conference Claimants, Auditing Presiding Elder's Accounts, Church Extension, Hospitals, Auditing Treasurer's Accounts, Freedmen's Aid Society, Board of Trustees, American Bible Society, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Resolutions, Church Literature, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Twentieth Century Commission.

Statistics--The Statistical Secretary and the Conference Treasurer read their reports, which were accepted.

Disciplinary Questions--Questions Twenty-five, Twenty-six, Twenty-seven and Twenty-eight were called. For answers see "Tables" and "Disciplinary Questions."

Conference Claimants--Voted that the treasurer be authorized to pay to the Conference Claimants, amounts allowed by the Stewards.

Trustees—Thomas H. Youngman and Geo. F. Hopkins were elected members of the Board of Trustees for three years, by ballot.

Presiding Elder's Reports—Voted that the Presiding Elder's reports be limited to five hundred words.

Examiners—The appointment of A. C. Stevens, A. P. Janes and F. T. Nicholls as members of the Conference Board of Examiners was announced by the Bishop. S. J. Watson was appointed to fill vacancy in the class of 1902.

Century Commission—The Twentieth Century Commission was re-elected. J. E. Houlgate and Ralph Brown were elected to fill vacancies.

Standing Committees—The Presiding Elders nominated the Standing Committees for 1901.

Janitor—A collection amounting to \$6.25 was taken up for the janitor.

Adjourned—Conference adjourned until 2 o'clock. Dr. J. O. Dobson pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

MONDAY, October 15, 1900.

Opening—Conference opened by singing Hymn 760. C. E. Matteson led in prayer.

Minutes—The minutes were read and approved.

Transfers—The transfers of H. S. Wilkinson from the Upper Iowa Conference; Jas. T. Gurney, from Detroit Conference; and C. B. Clark, John Hall and Martin Thomas from the Black Hills Conference; A. D. Dexter and Geo. E. Webster to West Wisconsin Conference; Geo. C. Giffin to East Ohio Conference; J. S. Akers to Illinois Conference; and W. J. Calfee to Nebraska Conference were announced.

Students—John Hall, Pierce O. Bunt, W. C. Cleworth and A. J. Jolly were left without appointments to attend school.

Question Twenty-Four—Who are the Triers of Appeal?—was taken up. W. H. Cory, W. B. Redburn, W. F. Minty, A. C. Stevens, W. D. Deeble, W. H. Jordan and T. H. Youngman were elected.

Memoirs—The Secretary was instructed to prepare a memoir for F. A. Burdick, who died during the year.

Voted that memoirs for deceased minister's wives be inserted in the minutes.

Missionary Sermon—W. S. Shepherd was appointed to preach the Missionary sermon, with W. L. Meinzer as alternate.

Nominations—The Presiding Elder's nominations were read and adopted.

Missionary Appropriations—The missionary appropriations were read and approved.

By-Laws—Section 1, under the head, "Income," in the By-laws, was stricken out by a two-thirds vote.

J. C. Bigelow—Voted this Conference request the Rock River Conference to restore to Rev. J. C. Bigelow his parchment.

Collection—A special collection for the relief of H. M. Springer and Lewis Hartsough, amounting to \$20.00 was taken.

Church Taxation—The Committee on Church Taxation was continued during the year.

Cancelled—On motion, the indebtedness of Lewis Hartsough to the Conference Fund was cancelled.

Bluff Center Church—The Conference authorized the Quarterly Conference of the Lodi Charge, to sell the Bluff Center church.

Century Commission—Voted that Dr. W. I. Graham act temporarily as Corresponding Secretary of the Twentieth Century Commission.

Adjournment—The minutes of the session were read and approved. Voted that after reading the appointments the Conference stand adjourned. The Bishop addressed the Conference and the appointments were read, doxology sung and the benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

G. T. NOTSON,
Secretary.

S. M. MERRILL,
President.

Certificate of Ordination.

This Certifies, That on the 14th day of October, 1900, in the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, I ordained as Deacons: Joseph E. Watson and William A. Cave; and, assisted by a number of Elders I ordained as Elders: Arthur C. Shepherd, William S. Shepherd, Amos Emmott, Gilbert D. Brown, Edmund E. Dean, Thomas Sanderson and Hiram S. Coon.

S. M. MERRILL, Bishop.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota, October 15, 1900.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conference?*

Frank E. Baldwin, from Montana Conference; Geo. H. Parker, from Oregon Conference; H. S. Wilkinson, from Upper Iowa Conference; Jas. T. Gurney, from Detroit Conference; Charles B. Clark, John Hall and Martin Thomas, from Black Hills Conference.

2. *Who have been Readmitted?*

None.

3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*

Benj. F. Stiles, from United Brethren Church.

4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR—Christian G. Paulson, Pierce O. Bunt, William P. Slocum, Henry I. Farr, Orien E. Boyce, Benj. F. Stiles.

(b) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR—None.

5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR—Middleton W. Smith, Henry A. Dalrymple.

(b) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR—A. E. Rigby, Fredrick F. Case, Thomas A. Stamp, Edgar E. Saxton, Wm. C. Ehlers, Wm. A. Cave, Arthur M. Ward, Harvey F. Hitch, Isaac B. Sevy, Martin Thomas.

(c) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR—None.

(d) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR—None.

6. *Who have been Discontinued?*

None.

7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR—Joseph E. Watson.

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY—Frank Fox and Charles O. Walker.

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*

(a) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR—Frank Fox, Joseph E. Watson and Charles O. Walker.

(b) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY—Charles E. Logsdon, Louis L. Lane, Henry F. Knight, Wm. C. Cleworth, Wm. A. Greene, Perry S. Ingersoll and Nels P. Johnson.

9. *What members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*

Sherman A. Chappell, Wm. O. Gram, James T. Gurney, John Hall.

10. *What members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR—Arthur C. Shepherd, Wm. S. Shepherd, Amos Emmott, Gilbert D. Brown, Edmund E. Dean, Thomas Sanderson and Hiram S. Coon.

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY—None.

11. *What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(a) AS LOCAL PREACHERS—William A. Cave.

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE—None.

12. *What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(a) AS LOCAL DEACONS—None.

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE—None.

13. *Was the Character of Each Preacher Examined?*

This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

A. D. Dexter and Geo. E. Webster, to West Wisconsin Conference; Geo. C. Giffin, to East Ohio Conference; J. S. Akers, to Illinois Conference; W. J. Calfee, to Nebraska Conference.

15. *Who have Died?*

Francis A. Burdick.

16. *Who have been Located at their own request?*

None.

17. *Who have been Located?*

R. M. Stavely.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*

None.

19. *Who have been permitted to withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

20. *Who have been expelled?*

None.

21. *What other personal Notation should be made?*

None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

J. D. Allison, William A. Greene, William O. Gram, Thomas Simmons, J. B. Starkey and John Lewtas.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

Lewis Hartsough, T. H. Walker, Sanford Wasl.burn, D. W. Chamberlain, H. T. Curl, S. F. Brown, Thomas Wilkinson, William Underwood, J. G. Hall and Henry M. Springer.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

W. H. Cory, W. B. Redburn, W. F. Minty, A. C. Stevens, W. D. Deeble, W. H. Jordon and Thomas H. Youngman.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this year?*

(See Tables.)

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

\$10,388.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

\$2,650.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims and how has it been Applied?*

\$1,450.31. To Conference Claimants.

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

(See List of Appointments.)

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be held?*

Milbank.

APPOINTMENTS.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

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| 2 E. P. HALL, Presiding Elder, Aberdeen, South Dakota. | |
| 5 Aberdeen, N. A. Swickard. | 2 Frederick and Leola, L. A. McCulloch (sup). |
| 1 Andover, G. H. Parker. | |
| 3 Groton, Thomas Sanderson. | 1 Ashton, J. E. Watson, P. Hecla, to be supplied. |
| 1 Bath and Columbia, W. H. Cory. | |
| 1 Langford, Frank Fox. | 1 Bowdle and Roscoe, T. J. Davis (sup). |
| 1 Mound City, F. A. Gossman, (sup). | 1 Britton, W. D. Deeble. |
| 2 Mellette, L. V. Slocumb (sup). | 1 Claremont, L. W. Putnam (sup). |
| 1 Northville, A. M. Ward. | 1 Conde, E. E. Dean. |
| 2 Selby and Bangor, P. S. Ingersoll. | 1 Devoe, P. H. Weston (sup). |
| 1 Doland, R. H. Dempsey (sup). | 5 Warner, F. S. Bromaghim. |

HURON DISTRICT.

- 2 J. P. JENKINS, Presiding Elder. Huron, S. D.
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| 1 Alpena, W. B. Stewart. | 1 Blunt, C. T. Cooper (sup). |
| 2 Burdette, N. J. Willits, (sup). | Cavour, C. W. Johnson (sup). |
| 2 DeSmet, C. E. Logsdon. | 2 Faulkton, W. B. Redburn. |
| 2 Forest City, J. W. A. Collins, | 1 Gettysburg, J. N. Fulford (sup). |
| (sup). | 2 Highmore, C. G. Paulson. |
| 2 Hitchcock, E. E. Saxton. | 1 Huron, H. S. Wilkinson. |
| 2 Iroquois, A. W. Thurston. | 1 Lebanon, G. W. Escher (sup). |
| 1 Miller, R. H. Stokes (sup). | 1 Okobojo, M. W. Smith. |
| Onida, To be supplied. | 3 Pierre, J. E. Houlgate. |
| 2 Redfield, W. L. Meinzer. | 1 Wessington Wm. P. Arnold (sup). |
| 2 Wessington Springs, G. D. | 1 Winthrop, B. F. Stiles. |
| Brown. | 1 Wolsey, Henry Preston (sup). |
- Pierce O. Bunt left without appointment to attend school, member Huron Quarterly Conference.

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

- 3 C. E. HAGER, Presiding Elder, Mitchell, S. D.
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| 1 Alexandria, S. A. Chappell. | 1 Letcher, Wm. P. Slocum. |
| 3 Armour, M. E. Nickerson. | 2 Mitchell, T. H. Youngman. |
| 1 Artesian, G. S. Davis (sup). | 2 Mt. Vernon, F. J. Norton. |
| 1 Bard, Lloyd Knight (sup). | 1 Parkston, H. A. Dalrymple (sup). |
| Bridgewater, To be supplied. | 1 Plankinton, A. P. Janes. |
| 2 Canistota and Riverside, I. | 1 Platte, G. J. Corwin. |
| P. Potter. | 1 Carthage and Roswell, to be supplied. |
| 2 Salem, W. S. Shepherd. | 2 Scotland, Oliver Williams. |
| 1 Chamberlain, J. C. Baker (sup). | 1 Springfield, William Mason (sup). |
| 1 Ethan, E. T. Underwood (sup). | Tripp and Delmont, N. P. Johnson |
| 1 Fulton, R. N. Kratz (sup). | 1 Tyndall, P. P. Carroll (sup). |
| 1 Geddes, F. E. Baldwin. | 1 White Lake, Jas. T. Gurney. |
| 1 Howard, W. A. Cave. | 3 Woonsocket, W. F. Minty. |
| 1 Kimball, J. W. Peterson (sup). | P. O. Chandler. |
| 2 La Roche, Frank Brokaw (sup). | |

W. I. Graham, President of Dakota University: A. E. Carhart, State Temperance Agent.

C. B. Clark, F. C. MacDuffee and Marain Thomas, Missionaries in Black Hills Mission Conference.

Joseph E. Norvell, Conference Evangelist, postoffice, Mitchell, South Dakota.

A. J. Jolly, W. C. Cleworth and John Hall left without appointments to attend school.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

- 6 J. O. DOBSON, Presiding Elder, Sioux Falls, S. D.
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| 1 Alcester, F. F. Case. | 1 Hudson, A. E. Tanner. |
| 1 Beresford, A. Jamieson. | 1 Hurley, H. I. Farr. |
| 1 Canton, A. C. Shepherd. | 1 Lennox, H. P. Eberhart (sup). |
| 2 Centreville, G. T. Notson. | 1 Lodi, S. H. Shurtleff (sup). |
| 1 Colman, Fred Farr (sup). | 1 Madison, C. E. Matteson. |
| 1 Dell Rapids, R. B. Beavis. | Montrose, To be supplied. |
| 2 Egan, T. A. Stamp. | 3 Parker, F. T. Nicholls. |
| 1 Elk Point, Lachlin McLean. | Sioux Falls— |
| 5 Flandreau, G. F. Hopkins. | 1 Jordan Church, O. A. Phillips. |
| 4 Flan. Circuit, D. C. Arms (sup). | 6 First Church, W. H. Jordan. |
| 1 Gayville, H. W. Smith (sup). | 2 Valley Springs, John Kaye. |
| 1 Hartford, J. Clark DuVal. | 2 Vermillion, D. C. McLean. |
| Harrisburg, To be supplied. | 1 Yankton, J. B. Dibble. |

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

- 3 DUANE RIFENBARK, Presiding Elder, Watertown, South Dakota.
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| 2 Arlington, Frank Baker. | 2 Kampeska, A. J. Griswold (sup). |
| 1 Aurora, E. S. Bossely (sup). | 1 Lake Preston, L. W. Darling |
| 1 Big Stone City, I. B. Sevy. | (sup). |
| 1 Bradley, H. S. Coon. | 1 Bristol, O. E. Boyce. |
| 2 Milbank, S. J. Watson. | 2 Brookings, A. S. Mason. |
| 3 Sisseton, L. L. Lane. | 1 Castlewood and Bruce, S. M. |
| Summit and Twin Brooks, C. M. | Davis (sup). |
| Chader (sup). | 2 Watertown, A. C. Stevens. |
| 1 Clark, J. C. Bigelow (sup). | 3 Webster, J. S. Harkness. |
| 1 Clear Lake, H. F. Knight. | 1 White, Amos Emmott. |
| 1 Garden City, O. M. Hyde (sup). | 1 White Rock, To be supplied. |
| 1 Gary, W. E. Hartung (sup). | 1 Henry, W. C. Ehlers. |
| 1 Hazel, C. O. Walker. | 1 Wilmot and Corona, William |
| 1 Willow Lake, P. G. Shepersky | Barrie (sup). |
| (sup). | 1 Waubay, Lawrence Layne. |

ERRATA.

The appointments of W. O. Redfield to Wakonda, and H. F. Hitch to Worthing, Sioux Falls District, were omitted from the list and not discovered until the book had gone to press.

The mistake is not the printers.

G. T. NOTSON, Secretary.

REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

E. P. HALL, Presiding Elder.

In harmony with the custom of later years, I present the annual report for the District I have been called to serve. Let us remember in passing the results that are seen and measured and understood comprise but a small part of the years' work. The most potent and far-reaching service has been without question unseen and unnoted.

Subtle and pervasive influences which have quickened the intellect, moulded character, and shaped destiny can not be described or inventoried. But are they not as real and do they not in fact outweigh all material gains? It is beyond my power to portray the devotion, sacrifice, wise administration and earnest prayer that has made these results possible. It is not for me to trace these agencies, they are all written in the "Book of Life." It is proper to say, that with few exceptions, all that has been accomplished has been done by hard work, and even the exceptions are the late fruitage of others' work, into whose labors we have entered.

The year has not been without its burdens, its vicissitudes as well as its victories. But through it all the Lord has indeed been gracious.

The earnestness and faithfulness of the preachers in the hard fields of labor is worthy of note. If Christianity is heroic life, their lives may be defined as heroic Christianity.

In concluding this, my first annual report of the work of the Aberdeen District, I desire to express my grateful acknowledgement of the uniform kindness with which I have been received in my quarterly visits and my appreciation of the cordial co-operation of the preachers in our mutual work as laborers together with God.

HURON DISTRICT.

J. P. JENKINS, Presiding Elder.

Huron District was placed in my care at adjournment of last Conference with twenty-two charges indicated, two of which, Cavour and Lebanon, were left to be supplied. A. C. Bevers was placed in charge

at Cavour, and financial reasons made it expedient to rejoin Lebanon with Gettysburg.

The following changes in personnel and pastorates have occurred during the year: On February 16, from Asbury Hospital, Minneapolis, after much patient suffering, Brother Dawson Barker, the faithful and beloved pastor of Hitchcock circuit, passed triumphantly to his eternal reward. E. E. Saxton of Onida was appointed pastor of this bereaved people, and has done his work with earnestness and success. George W. Escher from Iowa succeeded Brother Saxton at Onida. At the third quarterly meeting at Highmore, J. J. Ramsey asked release from his charge that he might remove to Nebraska. His request was granted, and C. G. Paulson of Dakota University, class of 1900, has since acceptably occupied the field and is asked to return. In August, F. J. Long, supply at Okobojo, was obliged to leave on account of ill health, and his people voted him a vacation to the end of the Conference year, providing for his salary in full. He is now in Oregon, whence comes news of improved health and activity in the Master's service. G. L. Granger closed his work on the Blunt circuit, August 20, and has entered Garrett Biblical Institute. W. J. Calfee bade adieu to his loyal people at Huron, October 3, and with his family has removed to York, Nebraska. He has been transferred to the Nebraska Conference and has been appointed Conference Evangelist. George F. Sheldon, local preacher, has supplied at St. Lawrence during the summer.

Some items of property improvement may be noted: Miller and Okobojo each a new parsonage: Faulkton new church pews at a cost of \$350. and lots purchased for parsonage: Pierre a new furnace: Blunt and Wessington each interior church improvements, the latter also a new tower and bell: Burdette, Wessington Springs, Esmond and Redfield, minor improvements. Church building throughout the District is at a standstill for lack of funds. At Lebanon the work is greatly embarrassed through the inability of the church to carry forward the building enterprise begun last year with the expectation that a gift of \$250 and a loan of the same amount could be secured from the Church Extension Society. At Shiloh conditions somewhat similar prevail.

REVIVAL MEETINGS have been held on every charge. At Wessington Springs, Iroquois, and on Winthrop circuit tabernacle meetings have been held with good success. Every church on the district reports conversions and accessions, perhaps the greatest relatively being at Pierre, Winthrop circuit, Okobojo, Onida, Wessington Springs and Iroquois. The State Holiness campmeeting was held at Huron, June 22-July 3. The Conference Epworth League held its second annual assembly at Ashland Park, Huron, July 24-31, and it was a genuine success from the start.

Two splendid ministerial meetings have been held, and one very successful sub-district Epworth League convention on Winthrop circuit.

Three large counties within Huron District including seven charges have suffered total failure of crops. Neither bread nor seed have been harvested, and in many cases no garden produce whatever. In two or three other counties, what promised to be a small crop has since been spoiled by the later heavy and persistent rains. This condition of drought in early summer and flood in early fall has, I fear, seriously affected our benovolences.

In concluding this report, I would express my appreciation of the heroic spirit manifested throughout Huron District in carrying forward the work of the Kingdom, and of gratitude to God for His manifold blessings upon us all.

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

C. E. HAGER, Presiding Elder.

The spirit of the Twentieth Century Forward Movement has swept over Mitchell District this year, enabling us to report an advance on all lines. God has graciously spared the lives of all the Brethren appointed to charges on this field, and all with a single exception, have remained at their posts. One brother, who was supplying the work at Parkston, left at the close of the third quarter. His place was immediately filled by a most faithful minister who becomes a member of our Conference this year.

The Brethren and their families have, as a rule enjoyed exceptionally good health. Death has visited but one home among us, that of Rev. William Underwood. His devoted wife, who had been an invalid for some time, was translated in early winter. She was fully ready for the great change.

DAKOTA UNIVERSITY.—With genuine satisfaction we record the fact that the last year of our Conference School has been far and away the most prosperous in its history. The enrollment reached 358, placing this institution second to the State University in attendance. Forty-four communities were represented. More wonderful still, current receipts met all expenses. The new year opens up with an increased attendance, making the demand for a new building most pressing. You will be glad to know, my Brethren, that this school has become a center of righteous influence and of revival power. Its Christian associations are the strongest in the state.

THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE still has for its Superintendent in our state, our loved Brother, A. E. Carhart, and this has been his best year in that work.

REMARKABLE REVIVALS have been held during the year, notably, on the Plankinton, White Lake, Chamberlain, Alexandria, Ethan, Bridgewater and Salem charges, resulting in several hundred conversions. Very blessed results were obtained at other points where special meetings were held. The great camp meeting held near Alexandria resulted in over one hundred conversions. The student movement in our College added fully 60 to the list of saved.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS have had a prosperous year all over the District.

EPWORTH LEAGUE—This department of our Church has by no means been neglected. Nearly every League on the District has been revived, new interest manifested in the cause of Missions and much definite work accomplished.

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY has done faithful work. Miss Wilma Rouse, recently from China, who visited several centers in the interest of the organization, proved a benediction to us all, and created a new interest in all the benevolences.

OUR MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATIONS were seasons of great profit and were well attended. The themes discussed were of absorbing interest to the Church.

Our District Epworth League Convention gave us a well officered organization, and new courage to our workers.

We report two new Churches, one at Delmont., costing about \$1600, and one at Dudley on the Plankinton charge, valued at \$1800. Both of these attractive houses of worship were dedicated substantially free of debt.

A large subscription of over \$1,000 has been secured for a new church at Chamberlain.

A new parsonage worth about \$2,000 has been completed at Salem. Subscriptions for parsonages have been secured at Alexandria and Canistota. Our Church and parsonage properties have been improved by painting, remodeling, or refurnishing at Mt. Vernon, Geddes, Parkston, Ethan, White Lake, Bridgewater, Mitchell and Tyndall. Two embarrassing church debts have been fully paid. The great debt on the Bridgewater church and the long standing debt on our Castalia church, which has not only been freed from debt, but moved and located on a beautiful site in the new railroad town of Platte.

On benevolent lines the Brethren have done most faithful work, but the showing will not be all that we hoped. The era of improvement has in a sense, sidetracked the great benevolences.

Without exception, the Brethren have been true to their Master's interests, tireless workers and have cheerfully co-operated with me in every undertaking.

They are a magnificent body of men, none of whom are on the exchange list.

Brother Ministers, this has not been an easy year, but God has given us strength to do our work, and caused us to rejoice in his service.

With grateful hearts we turn the record of the past twelve months over to this Conference.

SIoux FALLS DISTRICT.

J. O. DOBSON, Presiding Elder.

Brother Preachers and Co-workers in the Kingdom of God:

It is with deep thankfulness and feelings of gratitude to the Good Father that we recognize in this the crowning year of the nineteenth century a crowning year also in the history of our District.

Every benevolence save General Conference Expenses and Children's Day Fund shows a substantial increase. The total gain in the regular benevolences this year is \$1,227. The total amount raised is \$4,763. Add to this the amount paid for new churches and parsonages, the amount paid on old indebtedness, the seven thousand dollars bequeathed by Brother William Butler to the Missionary cause, and the \$4,000 raised for the Epworth League Assembly grounds at Canton and you will have a grand total of over \$23,700 raised for benevolent purposes on the District this year.

We have 407 probationers, which is an increase of 208 over last year. It ought to be 2,008.

We report 4,022 Sunday Schools scholars, which is a gain of 409 over last year. We are glad also to be able to report a gain in ministerial support of \$1,489.

The District has been divided into sub-districts and the men have been banded together into groups of workers for two campaigns. It was designed to visit every charge and every preaching place if possible. The first campaign was assigned to be educational principally and the second evangelical. This organization is to be maintained for like purposes in the future.

While we are thankful to God for his many blessings on all lines of our work, we are especially hopeful and thankful on account of our splendid Epworth League Assembly grounds. Fourteen acres of fine natural grove, large trees and green sward, within four blocks of the depot. An abundance of the purest water, and above all, on the river bank where there are ten miles of navigable water as beautiful and placid as a poet's dream. These natural advantages are all that could be desired.

It is our purpose to erect an Auditorium that will seat three thousand people and have it ready for the first assembly next July.

It is our purpose also to bring to this assembly the best talent in the country and so give to the Epworth Leaguers of our District and all others who may come a spiritual, social and intellectual uplift, gracious, splendid, immeasurable.

We also expect to use the grounds for campmeeting purposes, along pentecostal, fire and Holy Ghost lines, and thus make this in the truest New Testament sense the "large upper room" of the District.

We desire to found and maintain this enterprise upon the whole word of God as a witness in this age that the Bible is true and the gospel of Christ is still the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

DUANE RIFENBARK, Presiding Elder.

To the Bishop and Members of Dakota Conference:

Dear Brethren. It is with profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father that I present my second report as Presiding Elder of the Watertown District.

The District as a whole has enjoyed a year of prosperity. While all that we had hoped for has not been realized, still we have great reasons to thank God for what He has been able to accomplish through the agencies at command.

REVIVALS.—Revivals were held on many of the charges with varying results. The most remarkable of these meetings was at Clear Lake. This resulted in many accessions to the church. The Milbank church was very much quickened and increased in numbers as a result of the special efforts.

Good meetings were held at Lake Preston, Lily, Bristol, Kampeska, Wilmot, Sisseton, White Rock, White, Garden City, Castlewood and Watertown. In every meeting souls came out for God.

CHURCHES AND PARSONAGES.—As a result of the revival at Lily, Brother H. F. Knight inspired the people to build a neat church. The church at Bradley has been painted and otherwise improved. At Big Stone improvements in the shape of new pews and pulpit have been made. The spire on the Castlewood church has been rebuilt. Garden City and Aurora churches have received coats of paint, while the one at Henry has received internal adornment.

Lots have been purchased at Clark. It is the design to either move the present building to this more central location or erect a new and

more modern structure. New carpets have been put into the church at Webster.

The lecture room at Watertown has been recarpeted and new chairs put in by the Epworth League. One hundred hymnals have also been purchased by the League. If others have improved their churches, I have received no reports.

A beautiful new parsonage has been erected at Clear Lake. This is at valued at \$1,500. Big Stone and Webster have purchased parsonages reasonable figures. The one at Watertown has been thoroughly renovated.

CHURCH DEBTS.—Clear Lake has provided for the Church Extension debt. Big Stone City has also relieved herself of a \$400 burden. Bradley has paid off the last dollar on her church building. Webster closes the year free from debt.

EPWORTH LEAGUES.—This most excellent young people's society is maintained on many of the charges. We have a few, however, that have not the disposition or the material out of which to organize working chapters. Many of the societies are doing excellent work. Others seem to exist merely, showing but little spiritual life.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—It is with pleasure that I am able to report the Sunday School work in a prosperous condition. We have some union schools doing union grade of work. May the time soon come when Methodist Schools shall be found at every Methodist preaching point. This would enable us to report more Schools and thereby make a better showing for the Church.

BENEVOLENCES.—These causes have been presented and in many instances responded to very generously. While some charges, because of short crops, or lack of skill and enthusiasm on the part of the preacher, may not reach the amounts raised last year, there will be an increase at other points sufficient, I think, to keep the District in its class.

PERSONNEL.—Brother J. F. Bradley, appointed to Elkton, was unable to spend more than about two months on the charge. After many weeks of intense suffering he was called home.

G. E. Webster of Wilmot, was afflicted with severe ailment that brought him very near the gates of death. He goes to the West Wisconsin Conference, hoping to be benefitted by the change.

The wife and two children of A. L. Fisher of Big Stone were very sick during the summer, but are fully restored. He goes to the Northern Minnesota Conference.

A. D. Dexter, after spending twelve years among us, has transferred to the West Wisconsin, the Conference of which he was a member before coming to Dakota.

Henry M. Springer, my predecessor on the District, because of failing strength, feels that he must retire from the active work and wishes a Superannuated relation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

CHURCH INSURANCE.

Your Committee present the following report: That the General Conference acted wisely in ordering the organization of our Insurance Company has been demonstrated by the promptness with which our Churches and preachers are availing themselves of the protection provided.

Although the Company is less than a year and a half old over Seven Thousand Five Hundred Policies were in force Sept. 1st, aggregating over Nine Millions of Dollars, with no losses due and unpaid and only one in process of adjustment. The dividend paying point had been reached by the close of the first year. In addition to saving a large amount annually that would otherwise be paid out by our people for policies in Stock Companies our Company by its easy terms of annual payment is already enabling over Three Thousand Churches and One Thousand of our preachers to carry protection which was practically out of reach with the Stock Companies, because of inability to meet their terms.

We agree with the Board of Insurance in stating emphatically that it is just as much our duty to insure our churches as it is to build them.

We cordially endorse this important work and urge our preachers to do all in their power to get all of our churches in our own Company as speedily as possible.

—W. D. Deeble, Chairman.

—A. S. Mason, Secretary.

EDUCATION.

It affords your Committee great pleasure to be able to make a most favorable report concerning our University at Mitchell. Some of the evidences of prosperity are:

First.—Another advance in the attendance of students. The enrollment last year reached 358, and represents forty-three counties east of the Missouri river, which shows that the patronage of this institution is by no means local. This enrollment exceeds by 100 that of any other denominational school in the state.

Second.—We are privileged to record that the current expenses have been fully met by the income, which attests the careful and economical management of its finances. We are reminded, however,

that expenses are increasing from year to year, making demands for larger supplemental funds. We urge, therefore, that special efforts be made to increase the educational collection. The importance of this will be seen from the fact that many of the children of Methodist ministers, as well as those of the laity, depend largely for their training upon Dakota University.

Third.—We are pleased to record the fact that the Century Memorial building project is making fair progress. Mitchell is pushing for the \$10,000 to be raised in Davison county. The building is greatly needed. Our University is at a great disadvantage for want of room. This closing year of the century should materialize the building and thus make possible the larger growth and better service desired. We urge upon our pastors and people the necessity of giving hearty support to every plan of the Century Commission in its efforts to secure the needed funds for this new building.

Fourth.—We desire to express our confidence in the ability and integrity of Dr. W. I. Graham, the indefatigable President of Dakota University, and in the loyalty and efficiency of his associates.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total receipts for the year	\$10,277 00
Estimated expenses, for the coming year	10,000 00
Estimated income	10,250 00
Decrease of College debt	2,150 00
Present indebtedness	1,200 00

The Conference will be pleased to note the melting away of the old indebtedness. The full payment of the subscriptions taken at Mitchell will wipe out the last dollar. Let this be the report at next Conference.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We make the following recommendations:

1. For members of Class of 1905: I. W. Seaman, R. N. Kratz, E. P. Hall and Bishop C. C. McCabe.

Visitors to Dakota University: J. E. Houlgate, N. A. Swickard, W. A. Cave, G. F. Hopkins and A. S. Mason.

Visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute: S. J. Watson and F. T. Nicholls.

2. That \$3,000 be apportioned to the Conference as the regular Educational collection for the University.

3. We would not ignore the claims of the Board of Education. Let Children's Day be observed on all our charges, and the day be made an occasion to turn our young people to our own schools.

4. The attention of young men preparing for the ministry is called to our Schools of Theology. Excellent advantages are offered, and candidates for the ministry should attend some one of these Schools of the Prophets.

— J. E. Houlgate, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

The organized liquor traffic is justly regarded as one of the greatest of all hindrances to the spread of the gospel, both at home and in foreign fields. We rejoice that it has been outlawed upon more than one-fourth of American soil, and that the hope of its early extinction is brightening steadily. Against this traffic the Christian Church ought to be solidly arrayed. When the majority of her voters learn to subordinate party fealty to the cause of righteousness: when apathy upon the one hand and inconsiderate zeal upon the other give place to intelligent, fraternal, progressive determination among Christian voters the final triumph of the Church over the legalized saloon will be near at hand.

This Conference wishes to put itself upon record as opposed to the shameful perversion of the anti-canteen law: the cultivation of drunkenness and unspeakable vices by public officials and army officers even under the eyes of our nation's wards: and the action of the last legislature in this state in refusing to enact a dispensary law.

Heartily appreciating and praising the services of every organization that has promoted temperance reform, we especially commend the position of the Anti-Saloon League, which avails itself of every agency, political or otherwise, that has ever advanced the cause.

We recommend to our Churches that they seek to co-operate with the League in its endeavors to promote the following features of applied Christianity:

1. Systematic, courteous agitation for temperance reform.
2. The adaptation of endeavors to local conditions.
3. Efforts to secure the nomination and election of worthy and efficient public servants.
4. Efforts to advance legislation steadily and as rapidly as possible until the highest ideal has been achieved.
5. Insisting that our laws must be honestly enforced.
6. Systematic endeavors to pledge all the people to total abstinence.
7. The encouragement of union temperance movements among all the Churches of every community.
8. The development of the Voter's Union.

The liquor power having confessed that the retention of the dispensary will be a death blow to their business we recommend to our people that they vote "NO" upon the proposition to repeal Article XXVII. of the state constitution.

—A. E. Carhart, Chairman.

—N. A. Swickard, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE VISITORS TO GARRETT BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

Your Visitors appointed to the Garrett Biblical Institute beg leave to submit the following report:

Both visitors were present during the entire Commencement week, thus giving fullest opportunity to be present at the various class examinations. With the other Conference Visitors, a satisfactory inspection was made of the buildings, grounds and library. Free converse was had with both faculty and students, thereby allowing a closer insight to the work carried on by this excellent school. We esteemed it a great privilege to witness the intellectual and spiritual life of the students. The Love Feast on the Sabbath morning was one of marked spiritual power, where the students of all the classes exhibited an earnest, aggressive faith that presages well for their work for the Church in the early part of the new century. The Baccalaureate sermon by President Little was an inspiring, convincing defence of the Faith, and is to be printed by the Trustees for distribution within the bounds of the patronizing Conferences.

A class of 39 was graduated, among whom was Brother I. B. Sevy of our own Conference.

The Faculty gave every facility for private and public investigation of the school and the instruction given upon all subjects.

The Trustees again request that two Conference Visitors be appointed, so as to serve each two years.

We hope to see very many more of our younger brethren enrolled as students at Garrett.

—Geo. F. Hopkins,
—Samuel J. Watson,
Visitors.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.

We recognize the Sunday School as one of the important factors in the religious life of our age. The education of the young in religion is of the highest importance. Therefore, in the selection of teachers, the greatest care should be exercised, and none but men and women of earnest Christian character, possessing a knowledge of the Bible, with aptness to teach, should be chosen for this important work.

We hope the day is not far distant when every teacher in our Sunday Schools shall be a professed follower of Jesus Christ. We believe that the literature published by our Church is the best for the purpose that can be obtained, and we urge our pastors everywhere to see that our literature is used in our schools.

The generous offer of the Tract Society to supply every pastor who makes application, with tracts to the amount of one-half of the last collection taken on his charge should be more generally accepted.

—H. S. Coon, Chairman.
—J. Clark DuVal, Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

While we realize there is a vast difference between the Jewish Sabbath and the Christian's day of rest and worship, the one being observed in the letter, the other in the spirit of the law, yet, knowing there is a disposition in many quarters, and on the part of many people to throw off all restraint, which gives serious cause for alarm, we deplore the running of Sunday excursions by the railroads through our state, thus throwing great temptations in the way of the young by offering greatly reduced rates and announcing questionable attractions at the other end of the line, and compelling many of their employes to work against their will and conscience: and as cycling, pleasure-riding, visiting and other diversions are engaging the attention, not only of the people of the world, but of the professing Christian as well, so that the day of rest and holy worship is in danger of being turned into a European holiday with its rioting, therefore, be it, resolved:

First. That we will, as ministers of the Gospel, in the spirit and mind of our Lord, preach definitely on the subject, and by all other legitimate means, endeavor to lead the people back to a proper observance of the Christian Sabbath.

Second. That it is the sense of the Conference that more stringent laws should be passed by our legislature for the preservation of the sanctity of the day.

—J. E. Norvell, Chairman.

—C. E. Matteson, Secretary.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

The Committee on Conference Claimants beg leave to submit the following report:

Amount received from the Conference Collections.	\$ 973 00
Book Concern.	370 00
Chartered Fund	22 00
Interest on the Loan Fund	85 31

\$1,450 31

Disbursed as follows:

Mrs. Hoadley.	\$ 70 00
Mrs. F. A. Burdick	100 00
T. Wilkinson	60 00
H. T. Curl	125 00
Sanford Washburn.	100 00
S. F. Brown	100 00
Wm. Underwood.	150 00
J. G. Hall.	200 00
L. Hartsough.	180 00

T. H. Walker.....	140 00
D. W. Chamberlain.....	150 00
Henry M. Springer.....	75 00
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	\$1,450 00
Cash on hand.....	31
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Total	\$1,450 31

—W. F. Minty, Chairman.
—J. E. Norvell, Secretary.

AUDITING PRESIDING ELDER'S ACCOUNTS.

We, your Committee on Auditing Presiding Elder's Accounts, have examined the same and find them correct.

—G. D. Brown, Chairman.
—M. E. Nickerson, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

Whereas, The Church Extension Society has put within the bounds of the Dakota Conference by donation, \$42,275.00, and by loans, \$59,325.00, making a total of \$98,600.00, and

Whereas, The Church Extension Society returns to this Conference two dollars for every dollar given by us, and

Whereas, We are in the midst of prosperous times, therefore,

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves anew to this cause, and recommend special efforts be made to return loans due the Board of Church Extension, and that we will give attention to taking the regular collection.

—W. B. Redburn, Chairman.
—A. P. Janes, Secretary.

HOSPITALS.

Your Committee on Asbury Hospital is gratified to report that the past year has been one of great activity and increased usefulness. The number of patients treated is 1,622: 803 of these in the hospital, and 819 in the dispensary.

The means for the care of these patients have been provided by the earnings of the Hospital and by the contributions of friends and churches.

It is not possible to enter into details concerning the needs and work of the institution. Better facilities must be provided. The present building is inadequate. The Hospital management has secured a suitable location, and has decided to erect a building to meet present needs. Earnest appeals have come to us to aid in this worthy enterprise. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That as a Conference, knowing the excellent service rendered some of our people, we cordially agree to render all reasonable assistance, so far as practicable, and will heartily co-operate with the Hospital representatives in their solicitations for funds for the new building, and in case their representatives cannot visit our charges, we will represent the work ourselves.

Resolved, That we tender to Miss Moore, who is to labor within the bounds of our Conference, during the next three months in the interest of Asbury Hospital, our cordial sympathy, and respectfully invite her to our churches and to our homes.

—L. McLean, Chairman.

—S. A. Chappell, Secretary.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Auditing Treasurer's Accounts, beg leave to report that we have examined the same, and find them correct.

—C. E. Matteson, Chairman,

—Frank Baker, Secretary.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

We take pleasure in recommending the work of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society in training the hands, developing the intellects and improving the morals of thousands in the Southern States. We recommend that the apportionment be fully met on all our charges and that offerings be taken to pay the debt. As an inducement to this end, The Educator will be sent to each person giving \$1.00 or more to this cause. The attention of our pastors is called to the fact that the Secretaries will furnish song services and envelopes free on application, to assist in taking the collection. We are gratified to note the fact that our Conference has increased its contributions to this cause, and hope the increase may continue.

—G. T. Notson, Chairman.

—C. E. Logsdon, Secretary.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of Dakota Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, submit the following report:

In the Permanent Fund, drawing interest	\$1,358 00
Collected from Interest and turned over to the Conference Stewards.	67 81

Respectfully Submitted,

—W. B. Redburn, Chairman.

—J. B. Dibble, Secretary.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

In view of the new fields providentially opened to us, new opportunities calling for increased funds in the treasury of the Society, we hereby express our unreserved confidence in the management and activities of the Society.

Resolved, That we urge our pastors to inform themselves of the work now being done through the Bible Society, and to faithfully present its claims to the churches.

Resolved, That we note the increased number of churches that have contributed to the Society during the past year, and earnestly recommend that all the churches take an offering for this cause on its merits.

—F. J. Norton, Chairman.

—Louis L. Lane, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions submit the following report:

Recognizing God, as the "giver of every good and perfect gift" we here express our deep gratitude to Him for all the blessings of the year.

Resolved, That we here record our feelings of delight to have had as presiding officer of this Conference, our honored and beloved Bishop Merrill; that we highly appreciate his wise administration of the business of the Conference, and shall be glad to have him return to us at any time in the future.

Resolved, That we thank the Secretaries and Treasurer and their Assistants for their faithful and efficient services.

Resolved, That we give to the people of Sioux Falls, the pastor of this church, Dr. Jordan, and the local committee, our hearty thanks for their generous entertainment of the Conference, and for their untiring efforts for our comfort.

—W. F. Minty, Chairman.

—F. T. Nichols, Secretary.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is such an important element in opening the way for missionary activity, and improving the moral and social conditions of the women of heathendom, who could not be reached through the ordinary channels of missionary effort, and as during the past year they have had such a decided increase in interest and results within the bounds of our Conference, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we as pastors, will receive their representatives upon our charges and give them every possible assistance and encouragement in the work of organizing and building up their auxiliaries.

—A. W. Thurston, Chairman.

—W. A. Cave, Secretary.

CHURCH LITERATURE.

Whereas, the country is strewn broadcast with tons of cheap, trashy, sensational literature, to poison the minds and blight the lives of the people, and since in so many of our church homes there can be found but little or no Christian literature, whatever, therefore be it

Resolved, First.—That we will put forth every effort possible to create among the people a taste for good, wholesome reading matter.

Second.—That we will commend the publications of our own publishing houses, whose continued and ever-increasing prosperity we note with satisfaction and pride.

Third.—That we will urge our Sunday Schools everywhere to use our own Sunday School periodicals, greatly superior to any others put upon the market.

Fourth.—That we will seek to introduce into every home of our church, and especially to the homes of church officials, some member of the noble family of Christian Advocates, and the Epworth Herald, whose keen incisive editorials, correct news items and religious reading render them invaluable as a means in promoting the intellectual, moral and spiritual life of our membership.

—Amos Emmott, Chairman.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Recognizing the substantial support given by the Woman's Home Missionary Society to the underpaid pastors who are laying the foundations of Christ's Kingdom in new states,

Resolved. That we express our hearty appreciation of the services rendered by this Society, and that we pledge ourselves to assist in forming auxiliaries wherever practicable.

—Amos Emmott, Chairman.

—W. O. Redfield, Secretary.

REPORT OF TWENTIETH CENTURY COMMISSION.

At the last session of Conference you entrusted to us the raising of \$25,000 in the bounds of the Conference for Century Memorial Hall, a new building for Dakota University. Two meetings have been held. One at Salem, December 6, 1899, a second at Huron, April 4, 1900. An organization was effected in accordance with the plan provided by the Conference. It has seemed impossible to secure the services of a suitable Corresponding Secretary to employ all his time in the field. President Graham was made Acting Secretary and has served in that capacity as far as his duties at the University would allow.

The following was adopted at the Huron meeting:

1. That the \$25,000 to be raised in the Conference outside of Davison County be apportioned to the Districts per capita of membership.

2. That each District plan to raise its apportionment, by cash and subscription.

3. That, beginning with the third quarter, one Sabbath be given on each charge, to the building fund for the University, under the supervision of the Presiding Elder.

4. That a personal canvass precede and follow the Sabbath services, in order to secure the full apportionment, where necessary.

5. That each District Committee in its estimate of the several charges, consider the financial ability, as well as numerical strength.

6. That the Epworth Leagues be requested to raise at least \$1 per member for this fund and that the President of the Conference League formulate a plan for raising this amount.

7. That the Sunday Schools be requested to devote one Sunday annually for the next three years, to this building enterprise.

8. That the proposed building enterprise be not begun until at least \$10,000 on good, reliable subscription, outside of Mitchell and Davison County, be secured.

9. That the conditions of payment of all subscriptions be as follows: One-third when \$10,000 is subscribed, one-third when building is enclosed, and one-third when the building is complete.

10. That President Graham, C. E. Hager and T. H. Youngman prepare subscription cards or papers for use in the coming campaign, which shall contain compact and important information with reference to the College, its needs, etc., for circulation among the people.

Early in the year it became quite apparent that nearly every charge was making special efforts, requiring money, and it was thought best to let the principal effort be in the direction of developing sentiment in favor of the Century movement for the University. The Presiding Elders have done much in this particular. President Graham has visited many charges and finds a growing interest, and he feels assured that the Church will liberally respond when the direct call comes. Mitchell has raised about \$6,000 and will surely reach the \$10,000 asked.

This enterprise must be pushed and the hearty co-operation of every pastor is earnestly requested.

We recommend the Commission for the coming year and that the same plan of organization of the territory be continued. A suitable man for Corresponding Secretary should be secured at as early a date as possible. The officers of the Commission are T. H. Youngman, President; J. P. Jenkins, Secretary; R. N. Kratz, Treasurer; W. I. Graham, Acting Corresponding Secretary. Let there be a united effort for our University.

Respectfully Submitted,

—T. H. Youngman, President.

—J. P. Jenkins, Secretary.

REPORT OF INQUIRY ON R. M. STAVELY.

We, your Committee, report that one year ago Conference took the the following action: "R. M. Stavelly be continued a Supernumerary, and his Presiding Elder be requested to correspond with him with a view of securing his location."

Further, that his Presiding Elder has used due diligence to communicate with him, but has failed to find him. We also find that he has failed, from year to year, to respond to the Quarterly Conference as required by Discipline. We also find that he has been for five consecutive years a Supernumerary, and can not be continued longer in that relation. We, therefore, recommend that he be placed on trial with a view to his location.

—A. Jamieson, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE SELECT NUMBER IN THE CASE OF ROBERT M. STAVELY.

The Select Number finds: That the said Robert M. Stavelly has failed to comply with the terms of the Discipline, as specified in Paragraph 94, and acting upon the authority conferred by clause of Paragraph 230, of the Discipline, determined by vote, to declare him located without his consent.

—A. E. Carhart, Chairman.

—R. B. Beavis, Secretary.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The year has witnessed a greater advance in money and members than any preceding year since organization. Six new auxiliaries have been formed and our number is now thirty-three, with 596 members. Five Young People's Societies with 227 members, and ten Children's Bands with 366 members. Increase in money is \$445. Credit for this is due to the presence in the Conference of two returned missionaries, Miss Wilma H. Rouse, and Miss Sophie Blackmore, who brought the cause much nearer to the people than any home worker can ever do. It is to be hoped the interest thus aroused will be lasting, and that next year will show no decrease. Auxiliaries or individuals assuming special work, should make it a matter of conscience to send in the entire amount pledged each year, or, if unable to do this, they should notify the proper officer. Mrs. Wm. Love, 501 15th Ave., S. E., Minneapolis, Minn., is Secretary of special work, and all questions about scholarships, orphans, bible readers, etc., should be sent to her.

District Secretaries for the year are as follows: Aberdeen, Mrs. Phila Noble, Aberdeen; Huron, Mrs. J. P. Jenkins, Huron; Mitchell,

Mrs. R. B. Hager, Mitchell; Sioux Falls, Mrs. A. A. Stout, Parker; Watertown, Mrs. D. Rifenbark, Watertown.

These ladies will gladly furnish information and supplies to any pastor or worker wishing to organize or assume special work for the W. F. M. S.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

Aberdeen	\$ 94 27	Doland	\$ 7 00
Band	24 00	Detroit	4 50
Junior League	25 00	De Voe	2 00
Ashton	1 00	Groton	5 05
Bath	61 79	Langford	1 00
Bangor	4 00	Prairieville S. S.	30 00
Britton	10 00	Ordway	2 00
Junior League	10 00		
Claremont	12 11	Total	\$293 72

HURON DISTRICT.

Blunt	\$ 2 00	Okobojo	\$ 1 00
Hitchcock	9 75	Pierre	25 00
Highmore	92	Redfield	24 13
Huron	104 25	Rockham	5 00
Junior League	10 00	Wessington Springs	2 00
Miller	7 23		
Total			\$191 28

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

Alexandria	\$ 55 66	Mitchell	\$161 25
Armour	2 00	Young Women	2 00
Canistota	4 00	Plankington	9 50
Chamberlain	11 00	Junior League	20 00
Chandler	4 12	Plesant Ridge M. C.	20 00
Bijou Hills	4 00	Parkston	14 63
Fulton	13 00	White Lake	16 50
Kimball	20 00	Woonsocket	10 70
La Roche	2 15		
Mt. Vernon	1 80	Total	\$372 31

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

Canton	\$ 38 25	Band	\$ 24 82
Band	5 00	Parker	54 10
Centerville	1 00	Sioux Falls	110 01
Elk Point	23 30	Young Women	66 63

Flandreau.....	8 00	Jordan Church	11 00
Hartford	2 00	District	16 00
Lennox	26 93	Valley Springs	6 00
Band	11 56	Vermillion	88 88
Madison	174 40		
Total .			\$667 88

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

Arlington	\$ 30 50	Kampeska	\$ 4 00
Brookings.....	26 00	Milbank	26 96
Clark	11 95	Watertown	163 02
Clear Lake.....	4 10	Webster.....	21 60
Elkton	1 00	White.....	25 30
Garden City.....	4 00	Willow Lake.....	1 00
Henry	2 00		
Total			\$321 43

Total for Conference\$1,846 62.

Twentieth Century Thank Offering included in the above \$487.20. The Conference is asked to raise next year \$1,500 exclusive of any Thank Offering. The figures here given include amounts paid at Conference, and hence will not agree in all cases with printed report of W. F. M. S.

L. P. HAUSER, Conference Secretary.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Annual Conference of 1900 will be notable for the organization of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. J. O. Dobson, Sioux Falls.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. F. Ida Russell, Sioux Falls.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. S. A. Chappell, Alexandria.

Treasurer—Mrs. Ella Murphy, Sioux Falls.

District Secretaries for the year are as follows:

Aberdeen—Mrs. J. W. Elliott.

Huron—Mrs. W. L. Meinzer.

Mitchell—Mrs. E. J. Corwin.

Sioux Falls—Mrs. Amos Emmott.

Watertown—Mrs. J. Dibble.

There is only one auxiliary at present in the Conference:

Aberdeen—Number of members, 14.

Amount raised—\$39.75.

—F. Ida Russell, Corresponding-Secretary.

CONFERENCE ANNIVERSARIES.

October 9, 8 P. M.—Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, presided over by Mrs. L. P. Hauser. Address by Rev. Dr. L. P. Mansell of North India Conference.

October 10, 8 P. M.—Missionary Society Anniversary. T. H. Youngman, Chairman. Address by Rev. George B. Smyth, D. D., of Foochow, China.

October 11, 2.30 P. M.—Woman's Home Missionary Society, Rev. Amos Emmott, Chairman. Address by Mrs. Della P. Geggie.

October 11, 8 P. M.—Church Extension Society, Rev. W. B. Redburn, Chairman. Address by Rev. Manley S. Hard, D. D.

October 12, 8 P. M.—Anniversary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society, Rev. G. T. Notson, Chairman. Address by Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D.

October 13, 8 P. M.—Educational anniversary, W. I. Graham, D. D., Chairman. Address by Rev. J. F. Berry, D. D.

October 14, 9 A. M.—Conference Love Feast led by Rev. A. Jamieson.

October 14, 10.30 A. M.—Sermon by Bishop S. M. Merrill, D. D., LL.D.

October 14, 3 P. M.—Ordination of Deacons and Elders by Bishop S. M. Merrill.

October 14, 4 P. M.—Memorial service in remembrance of Mrs. W. H. Jordan, Mrs. W. C. Cleworth, Mrs. W. O. Redfield, Brother Baker, Mrs. G. H. Parker, Rev. F. A. Burdick.

October 14, 7.30 P. M.—Epworth League rally and Twentieth Century Forward Movement, Rev. W. H. Jordan, D. D., Chairman. Address by Rev. J. F. Berry, D. D.

Pentecostal services of great spiritual power were conducted every day at 4 p. m. and on Sunday night at the close of Dr. Berry's address by Rev. Dr. J. W. Mahood.

SESSIONS OF DAKOTA MISSION AND CONFERENCE.

DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	MEMBERS.	SECRETARY.
Sept., 1880	Yankton	Bishop Warren	1,050	Wm. McCready.
Oct., 1881	Sioux Falls	Bishop Hurst	1,366	Wm. McCready.
" 1882	Parker	Bishop Merrill	1,504	Wm. McCready.
" 1883	Huron	Bishop Simpson	2,782	D. Rifenbark.
" 1884	Mitchell	Bishop Andrews	4,469	D. Rifenbark.
" 1885	Blunt	Bishop Foss	5,200	A. R. Boggs.
" 1886	Watertown	Bishop Bowman	6,565	A. R. Boggs.
" 1887	Aberdeen	Bishop Fowler	8,225	A. R. Boggs.
" 1888	Yankton	Bishop Walden	9,474	A. R. Boggs.
" 1889	Huron	Bishop Vincent	10,526	W. H. Jordan.
" 1890	Mitchell	Bishop FitzGerald	9,663	G. D. Cleworth.
" 1891	Sioux Falls	Bishop Foss	9,006	A. W. Adkinson.
" 1892	Madison	Bishop Goodsell	9,170	A. W. Adkinson.
" 1893	Brookings	Bishop Ninde	9,747	G. D. Cleworth.
" 1894	Watertown	Bishop Fowler	10,094	G. D. Cleworth.
" 1895	Aberdeen	Bishop Joyce	9,510	C. H. Smith.
" 1896	Vermillion	Bishop Vincent	9,335	J. P. Jenkins.
" 1897	Mitchell	Bishop Warren	9,269	J. P. Jenkins.
" 1898	Parker	Bishop McCabe	10,420	J. P. Jenkins.
" 1899	Huron	Bishop Hurst	10,960	J. P. Jenkins.
" 1900	Sioux Falls	Bishop Merrill	11,324	G. T. Notson.

CONFERENCE NECROLOGY.

NAME.	PLACE OF DEATH.	Time of Death	Age.	Yrs in Min-istry.	CONFERENCE RELATION.
John M. Rust	Vermillion, Dakota	1871	41	15	Effective.
Thomas M. Williams	Bridgewater, Dakota	1882	50	24	Effective.
Wm. H. Hoadley	Huron, Dakota	1886	51	16	Supernumerary.
T. S. Hunt	Aurora, Indiana	1887	57	16	Effective.
Wm. H. Affleck	Leeds, England	1887	76	-----	Effective.
Wm. Vivian	San Fernando, California	1888	45	8	Supernumerary.
Chas. B. Gilbert	-----	1889	-----	-----	Effective.
Stanley S. Smith	-----	1889	-----	-----	Effective.
Ira A. Sparks	Armour, South Dakota	1894	29	9	Effective.
Wm. Wesley Brown	Thomasburg, Ontario	1894	32	6	Supernumerary.
Geo. B. Dodd	Colman, South Dakota	1895	36	2	Probationer.
A. R. Boggs	Mitchell, South Dakota	1899	64	29	Superannuate.
Oliver H. Sproul	Northville, South Dakota	1899	53	26	Effective.
Francis A. Burdick	University Place, Nebraska	1900	48	23	Superannuate.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

W. H. JORDAN, Chairman,
 Sioux Falls
 A. C. STEVENS, Registrar,
 Watertown
 W. I. GRAHAM, Mitchell
 W. F. MINTY, Woonsocket
 T. H. YOUNGMAN, . . . Mitchell

J. E. HOULGATE, Pierre
 S. J. WATSON, Milbank
 N. A. SWICKARD, . . . Aberdeen
 A. P. JANES, Plankinton
 F. T. NICHOLLS, Parker
 G. F. HOPKINS, . . . Flandreau
 W. D. DEEBLE, Britton

POINTERS.

1. Examiners are expected as far as desirable to assist students in their work. Students should report progress and pursue studies under general directions of Examiners. No student will be permitted to take any examinations in advance of the year until all the work of the year has been completed.

2. At least one-half of the studies are required at the third year examination. All syllabi, sermon and essay work should be presented at that time.

3. Examiners and students should read in Discipline, Appendix 56-60, also in Conference Minutes, "Plans and Rules for Examinations."

4. Requirements for syllabi should be presented to students as early as February 1st of each year.

5. The Registrar should receive prompt reports from Examiners of all studies presented, grading on a scale of 100 all papers, syllabi, sermons and essays.

6. Each student should remit an examination fee of One Dollar to the Registrar before the time of Mid-year Examinations.

In order to secure a more systematic and efficient supervision of the Conference Courses of Study, and examinations thereon, the plans and methods below given shall be followed, subject to revision and amendment by order of the Conference.

1.—BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The Board of Examiners of the Dakota Conference shall consist of twelve members, who shall be nominated by the Cabinet, and appointed by the presiding Bishop.

The Board shall be divided into four classes, of three members each, whose term of service shall, at the first appointment, be for one, two, three, and four years respectively, and thereafter for four successively; each Examiner being eligible for successive re-appointment.

Vacancies occurring during the year may be filled by the Chairman of the Board, until the ensuing Annual Conference, when appointments shall be made as for full terms.

All appointments of Examiners are to be made, if possible, as early as the third day of each Annual Conference session.

2.—OFFICERS.

The Board shall organize by electing from its members, annually, at its first regular meeting, a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, and a Secretary, who shall perform the usual duties of these offices.

The work of the Secretary shall also include the keeping of a permanent book record of the standing and credits of all candidates subject to examination by the Board; and he shall report the same to the Conference when required. This record shall also contain the credits allowed candidates for work done in our literary and theological schools.

3.—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The officers of the Board shall constitute an Executive Committee, which shall have authority, under direction of the Board, to select the place and fix the date of the mid-year meeting, arrange the literary and religious program in connection with the same, and attend to all general matters of business in the intervals between Board meetings.

4.—REGULAR MEETINGS.

The Board of Examiners shall hold three regular meetings each year, as follows:

(1) At the seat of the Annual Conference, before the close of the annual session, if possible, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the election of officers and the assignment of work for the year. At this meeting the various examinations, and other work in connection therewith, should be assigned definitely to the several members of the Board; a schedule of the studies and subjects in the courses, with the names of examiners and the times of examination, should be prepared for publication in the Conference Minutes, or otherwise, and general plans outlined for the mid-year meeting of the Board.

(2) A mid-year meeting, to be held in the month of May of each year, the session not to continue longer than four days, usually from Tuesday to Friday, inclusive; the first two days being devoted mainly to special reviews, the last two mainly to examinations.

All undergraduates and, as far as possible, all candidates for admission to the Conference, and all local preachers who are candidates for orders, are required to attend this mid-year meeting, unless excused from attendance, for adequate cause, by the Chairman of the Board.

At this meeting, examinations shall be conducted on at least one-half of the books or subjects on which examinations are to be conducted during the year.

It is expected that special lectures and other literary and religious exercises will be provided in connection with the regular work of the session, for the enjoyment and profit of all in attendance.

In place of the mid-year meeting the Board may, at its option, provide for mid-year examinations at District meetings.

(3) The Board of Examiners shall also convene at the seat of the Annual Conference, each year, the day before the Conference session begins, to review and complete the work of the year, and especially to conclude the examination of all candidates in the courses of study related to the work of that year. All examinations must be completed by the evening of the first day of the Conference session.

5.—SYSTEMATIC STUDY.

It shall be one duty of the Board to endeavor to secure more systematic work among the undergraduates in the four-years' course of study—a duty not less important than to provide for more careful examinations. Therefore, as far as is practicable, the examiners shall give to the undergraduates and others suggestions and instruction with reference to proper and profitable study of the books and subjects in all the required courses.

6.—QUESTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS.

As a rule, all examinations shall be in writing.

All candidates in the same class, who are examined at the same time, shall be tested by the same questions.

A list of not fewer than ten questions shall be prepared on each book or subject assigned for examination.

In the case of all candidates for "admission on trial," the Board is instructed to examine first in the "Elementary English Branches," and if the candidate fails to pass in these with reasonable credit, other examinations shall be postponed; and he shall be required to bring up these studies before he is admitted to examination in others.

In case of the unavoidable absence from the meetings of the Board of any examiner, he shall forward his lists of questions to the chairman, who will arrange for supervision of the examinations.

7.—SYLLABI AND OTHER PAPERS.

Candidates are required to make syllabi of the books assigned to be read, certifying that they prepared them independently, as the result of their own reading, not merely following the table of contents. All essays, sermons, and syllabi shall be graded, and the grading recorded, as in the case of books and subjects to be studied.

All written work for the year, except such final examinations on text-books and subjects, as are reserved for the third meeting of the Board, shall be forwarded to the appropriate examiners at least one month before the date of the Annual Conference.

8.—GRADES AND GRADING.

All grades shall be made on a scale of 100; and the minimum grade, upon which a candidate in the regular Conference course, or for admission on trial, may be passed, is seventy per cent on each study or subject.

Candidates for local deacons' or elders' orders must reach the grade of at least sixty per cent.

Each examiner shall forward to the Secretary, as soon as practicable after the completion of the examination, the papers, certificates, and grades of each candidate; and the Secretary shall file the papers, and make a permanent record of all grades and credits.

On receipt of these certificates of grades and credits from the examiner, the Secretary shall also promptly notify the candidates in writing of the results of their examinations, which notification shall be to the candidates an official certificate of their work.

In case any candidate fails to pass in any study or examination, the Secretary shall notify the Chairman of the Board, as well as the candidate.

9.—APPEALS.

In case any candidate appeals from the grade markings of any Examiner, the Board of Examiners shall investigate the matter, and make the final decision thereon.

All examination papers for the preceding year shall be destroyed at the close of each session of the Annual Conference; and no appeal shall be entertained thereafter.

10.—MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.

No candidate shall be entitled to advanced classification who has failed to pass in two books or subjects to be studied, or three books to

be read; or in one to be studied and two to be read; or who is delinquent an equivalent amount in other required work; and no candidate shall be entitled to examination in advanced studies until he has brought up the work on which he is delinquent.

11.—FEES.

To provide for the necessary expense of the Board, an annual fee of one dollar shall be required of each candidate for examination.

The undergraduates of the Conference shall forward this fee to the Secretary of the Board, annually, within sixty days of the adjournment of Conference. On receipt of the money, the Secretary shall send the candidate a certificate which shall entitle him to all the privileges and examinations of the Board for the year.

Candidates for admission on trial, or for local orders, must also forward this fee of one dollar before they can be considered eligible for examination. At the third meeting of the Board a committee shall be appointed to audit the financial accounts of the Secretary.

12.—FOR ADMISSION OR ORDERS.

It shall be the duty of the Presiding Elders to report to the Secretary of the Board as early in the year as possible the names of all candidates for orders. These will be expected to take their examinations at the regular meeting of the Board, and should be put in correspondence with the Secretary, so as to learn the requirements which apply to them.

13.—PUBLICATION.

A copy of this plan, together with the detailed schedule of studies and assignments to examiners, shall be printed from year to year in the Conference Minutes, and if thought necessary, the Board may also publish the same in pamphlet form.

14.—AMENDMENTS.

The Board of Examiners shall be a permanent committee on the revision and amendment of the plans and methods herein presented; but before they become a valid part of the plan, or are used or published by the Board, all proposed changes must be accepted by a vote of the Conference.

—W. H. Jordan, Chairman.

ADDENDA.

1.—SCHEDULE OF CLASSES.

The chairman shall arrange schedule of classes, and the hours for the meeting of each, to be strictly adhered to, at the Annual Conference examination.

2.—SEPARATE BUILDING.

The Board requests that a room, separate from the church in which the Conference is held, be provided each year, in which to hold examinations.

3.—GRADES FROM CONFERENCES.

Acceptance of grades from other Conferences shall, in every instance, be optional with the Board. A low grade, as a rule, will not be recognized.

4.—RECOGNITION CARD.

At the opening of the Annual Conference examinations, each candidate shall present to the Chairman a certificate from the Registrar of standing in the mid-year tests; also, of fee paid. This shall entitle him to a recognition card, signed by the Chairman, to be shown to each Examiner from whom work is desired.

CONFERENCE EPWORTH LEAGUE OFFICERS.

President—Rev. W. J. Calfee.

Vice-president—Rev. A. C. Stevens, Watertown.

Recording Secretary—Miss Farrell, Tyndall.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Cornelia L. Hauser, Aberdeen.

Treasurer—Ray Carhart, Mitchell.

Junior League Superintendent—Mrs. F. C. Huss, Pierre.

Missionary Secretary—Mrs. H. W. Jenkins, Huron.

Board of Control—

Aberdeen District—L. V. Slocumb, Mellette.

Huron District—W. D. Nelson, Pierre.

Mitchell District—H. S. Coon, Bradley.

Sioux Falls District—Sidney Shurtliff, Sioux Falls.

Watertown District—A. C. Stevens, Watertown.

SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCE CLASSES AND INSTRUCTORS.

INSTRUCTOR	FOR ADMISSION	FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR	LOCAL ORDERS
Jordan	Catechism .....	.....	.....	Extemp. Oratory..	Essay.....	Christian Baptism....
Minty.....	American History..	Discipline.....	Discipline.....	Hermeneutics.....	.....	Discipline.....
Graham	Sermon and Essay..	Miley	Miley .....	.....	.....	Theolog. Compend....
Houlgate	Christ, Perfection..	Harmon.....	Harmon.....	Land of Israel.....	.....	Christian Perfection...
Stevens.....	.....	Rhetoric .....	.....	Psychology.....	Christian Faith.....	Psychology Argumen- tation
Youngman.....	Doctrinal Aspects..	Syllabi.....	.....	Exegesis.....	Exegesis.....	Doctrinal Aspect.....
Watson.....	Syllabi.....	Sermons	Essay .....	.....	.....	Theology
Swickard.....	Literature.....	.....	Logic	Sermons.....	Ethics	Gospel Records.....
Janes.....	English Branches..	.....	Syllabi	Christian Church..	Christian Church.....	History Church.....
Nicholls	Life of Wesley.....	Christian Purity...	Questions in Meth..	.....	.....	Questions Methodism..
Hopkins	History of Metho..	.....	Universal History..	Syllabi.....	Sociology	Digest Methodist Law History of Methodism
Deeble.....	Scriptural History..	Prep. Sermons....	Prep. Sermons....	.....	Syllabi.....	Bible History.....
Mid-Year Examinations	English Branches..	Miley.....	Miley.....	Extemp. Oratory...	Christian Faith.....	Christian Baptism....
	American History..	Rhetoric.....	Harmon.....	Psychology.....	.....	Psychology.....
	Life of Wesley....	Harmon.....	Logic.....	Exegesis.....	Essay.....	.....
	Catechism	Discipline.....	Discipline.....	Hermeneutics.....	Exegesis.....	History of Methodism
	Syllabi.....	Syllabi.....	Syllabi.....	Syllabi.....	Syllabi.....	Discipline.....
	Literature.....	Prep. of Sermons..	Prep. of Sermons..	Christian Church..	Syllabi.....	.....
	Sermon and Essay..	Sermons	Essay.....	Sermons	Christian Church.....	.....

Memorials.

Rev. Francis A. Burdick.

Rev. Francis A. Burdick was born in Ontario, Canada, in 1852. He died of pleuro-pneumonia, after a brief illness, in University Place, Nebraska, February 19, 1900.

Rev. Burdick was admitted on probation into Nebraska Conference in 1878. The following year transferred to Northwest Iowa Conference, and admitted into full connection in 1880. In 1884, he came to South Dakota, as a missionary, and afterwards became a charter member of the Dakota Conference. From 1885 to 1888 he was left without appointment to attend school at Evanston, Illinois. From 1889 to 1892 he served the Aberdeen District as Presiding Elder, but at the end of the term was obliged to give up the district on account of failing strength.

At two different times in his ministerial career he was compelled to take a superannuated relation on account of his health. Finally, in 1898, he was compelled to give up the work entirely, and ask for a superannuated relation. The same fall he moved his family to University Place, Nebraska, where he resided until his death.

He left his family evidence that he was fully prepared to go, saying to his physician the night before his departure, that he wanted him to tell everybody that he had no preparation to make on his sickbed, but that he had attended to that long before.

Brother Burdick was a good man in the fullest sense of the word. He was a faithful preacher, a successful pastor and a Christian gentleman. His wife and son survive.

Rev. Dawson Barker.

Rev. Dawson Barker was born in Yorkshire, England, July 22, 1839. Died, February 16, 1900, at Asbury Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He came to Canada with his parents and entered the ministry at the age of twenty-four. Two years later he married Miss Anna Gee. Four children were born to them, one of whom, Miss Nellie, is still living.

In 1883, Brother Barker and his family came to South Dakota on account of his health, where they have since resided. Though Brother Barker never united with our Conference, yet his zeal for the interest of our Church and the cause of Christ, was untiring. He was possessed of that catholic spirit which made him much beloved by people

of all denominations, and had that kindly interest in all with whom he came in contact, which made him a general favorite and opened the way for effective Christian work.

His last illness was of such a nature that it required surgical aid, but it was found that no human aid could relieve him, and after several weeks of great suffering, he was called to his heavenly home, where, "there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying; neither shall there be any pain."

He was much beloved by his people, wherever he labored, and all who knew him felt that he was truly a man of God. A large number of friends followed his remains to their last resting place in the Hitchcock cemetery. Many kind friends unite in extending their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mrs. W. H. Jordan.

Cordelia Ann Scoble was born Nov. 29, 1855, at Shullsburg, Wisconsin. She was early led to accept the Savior's offer and possessed to a remarkable degree the winning graces of the Christian life. Educated at the Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, and always an ambitious student, it is not surprising that she moved in the most cultured circles.

In August, 1882, she was married to W. H. Jordan and lived constantly in a world with her husband interested as she was in all his studies and ministerial service. Our sister loved the work of the ministry. For a brief period their home was established in Indianola, Iowa, the seat of Simpson College, where Brother Jordan served as a member of the faculty. In 1885 she moved with her husband to this state. At the session of our Conference that fall Dr. Jordan was appointed to Milbank. Here they spent four delightful years. At the Conference of 1889, her husband was made Presiding Elder of the Sioux Falls District and the family moved to the city of Sioux Falls.

The six years of Dr. Jordan's Eldership were years of sacrifice to this devoted woman, and had somewhat to do, we fear, with her early translation.

A loyal daughter of the Church, she carried through all the necessary separation a sweet and uncomplaining spirit. During this period many of us know that she made her home like a section of Heaven, bright and restful for her husband and the many friends who enjoyed the hospitality of this great hearted couple.

Sister Jordan was an ideal mother. Her Sabbaths with the family were especially beautiful. She made this the best and happiest day of the week for all the children. Music, interesting reading, charming stories, services of the sanctuary and sweet little heart talks made the day sacred and enjoyable.

Our sister leaves to mourn her loss a husband and seven children, and a host of friends as wide as her acquaintance. Letters of condolence have reached Brother Jordan from far away mission fields and from many states of the Union where her friends and old classmates are living. Though most capable and with rare literary taste, Sister Jordan was pre-eminently a home woman. With the interest of a large family upon her heart and corresponding burdens, she always had leisure for her friends. The writer has known her since 1883 and visited her home many times but never met her when she was not cheerful, always thinking more of others than of herself. God be praised that such selfless, beautiful lives can be lived in this world. The funeral services were conducted by Dr. Dobson at Sioux Falls, where many gathered as sincere mourners. The body was taken to her childhood home for interment. The Master could say of her "She hath done what she could."

—C. E. Hager.

Mrs. Wm. Underwood.

Matilda Caroline Owen Underwood, wife of Rev. William Underwood, was born in Montgomery county, Indiana, August 7, 1851, and died at White Lake, South Dakota, November 12, 1899.

For eight years she had been the faithful wife and companion of her now bereaved husband, sharing with him the toils, sorrows and pleasures of the Methodist pastorate. While brought up in a Methodist home and most devoted to and in sympathy with the Church, she did not unite with it until nearly forty years old. After her marriage, which occurred in 1891, she became active in Church work. In the Ladies' Aid, Sunday School work and in ministrations to the sick and needy ones her labors were abundant. During one pastorate, in a section of the country where crop failure had brought distress and suffering to many homes, her interest in and labor for the needy will ever be remembered. She here put her knowledge to practical account, making many garments for the destitute, and distributing the donations of others.

The closing months of her life were full of suffering. She was not ignorant of the seriousness of her condition and frequently said she did not expect to recover. Her faith and hope, however, were triumphant and she was firm in her declaration that she would at last rest with her Father in Heaven. She rests in the Lord and her works do follow her.

Mrs. W. D. Redfield.

Artinca A. Blodgett was born in Tama county, Iowa, December 12, 1867, her parents removing to Dakota Territory in 1869. She was con-

verted in January, 1885, under the labors of Reverend W. O. Redfield, to whom she was married, December 12, 1886. She departed this life after a lingering illness of many months, February 12, 1900, at Wakonda, leaving her husband and five children to mourn her loss. During the long weary months before her departure, Sister Redfield contemplated the great change that awaited her with unfaltering faith, and her death was a veritable triumph. She lives in the lives of her precious children, in the fond memories of a beautiful home life, and in the love and esteem of all who knew her as a wife, mother and friend. Sister Redfield enjoyed a rich Christian experience which was evidenced by the calm spirit in which she waited for her release from suffering. Her end was peace and her bereaved husband and children call her memory blessed.

The funeral services were held at Wakonda and were largely attended, the Presiding Elder, Dr. J. O. Dobson, preaching a very appropriate discourse from the words "God with us." Her remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Mission Hill cemetery to await the resurrection of the just.

—Lewis Hartsough.

Mrs. W. C. Cleworth.

Caro L. Knight was born in Hudson, South Dakota, November 16, 1874. She was married to Reverend W. C. Cleworth, October 24th, 1894. She was the mother of three children—two sons and one daughter.

Sister Cleworth was a loving and faithful wife, a devoted mother and a noble Christian woman. As a companion to Brother Cleworth, in the work of the ministry, she entered fully into his life, willing to spend and to be spent for the Master. She entered sweetly into rest at Alcester, on February 2, 1900.

Mrs. Ella May Parker.

Ella May Kribler was born at Alexandria Bay, New York, November 21, 1879, and at the time of her death was twenty years, ten months and ten days old.

She joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1896, and at once became an earnest worker in the cause of Christ. She was a kind loving soul, whose life was continually helpful as far as her strength would permit. She greatly endeared herself to the people among whom she was called to labor with her husband. She died at Hecla, South Dakota, October 1, 1900.

STATISTICS No. 1, 2.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

E. P. HALL, Presiding Elder.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP'TMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.							SUNDAY SCHOOLS.								
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Mem- bers.....	No. of Local Preachers.....	No. of Deaths.....	No. of Adults Baptized.....	No. of Children Baptized.....	No. of Churches.....	Probable Value.....	No. of Parsonages..	Probable Value.....	Paid for Building & Improving Church- es and Parsonages..	Paid on Old Indebt- edness on Church Property.....	Present Indebted- ness on Church Property.....	No. of Schools.....	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all Grades.....	Average Attendance	Members in Home Department	Officers & Teachers who are C'h Mem- bers or Probationers	Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.....	No. of Conversions in S. S. this Year...	Current Expenses...
Aberdeen.....	17	235	.....	2	10	2	1	\$9000	1	\$1000	\$375	\$45	\$220	1	36	300	180	34	150	10	\$160
Ashton.....	1	39	.....	4	4	1	1	2500	1	200	84	45	.....	1	18	130	90	6	9	2	34
Bangor.....	6	68	1	4	4	1	1	1500	1	175	98	350	.....	2	20	40	30	20	12	2	50
Bath, Columbia.....	3	84	.....	1	2	1	3	5000	1	600	.....	.....	700	2	15	100	75	15	.....	25	
Bowdle.....	3	23	.....	1	3	1	1	1500	1	1500	1125	875	.....	2	14	60	60	14	50	3	74
Britton.....	6	19	1	2	1	1	1	1800	1	1500	66	636	.....	2	18	170	85	13	.....	10	65
Claremont.....	2	60	.....	1	1	2	2	3500	1	600	69	.....	.....	2	18	80	53	60	20	.....	37
Conde.....	3	54	.....	.....	1	1	1	1350	1	600	.....	.....	.....	3	21	100	79	16	.....	41	
Devoc.....	2	67	3	1	2	2	1	800	1	600	.....	.....	.....	3	12	108	78	12	.....	87	
Doiland.....	21	80	.....	.....	1	2	2	3200	1	800	55	500	.....	3	24	125	105	16	27	1	72
Frederick.....	5	56	.....	.....	3	2	3	4300	1	1500	756	750	.....	3	22	130	84	16	.....	60	
Groton.....	9	104	.....	.....	3	2	2	4500	1	300	375	280	.....	2	18	205	120	14	10	125	
Hecla.....	1	36	1	1	1	1	1	600	1	500	75	250	.....	2	4	20	12	4	5	5	
Langford.....	1	82	1	1	1	1	3	3200	1	500	.....	.....	.....	2	20	45	.....	40	1	40	
Leola.....	1	20	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	15	90	70	14	16	2	36
Mound City.....	1	49	.....	.....	4	4	1	1800	2	1800	1025	264	236	3	26	198	121	18	.....	9	90
Northville.....	2	107	2	.....	7	1	2	3000	1	500	45	40	275	4	30	150	80	20	50	.....	40
Warner.....	3	89	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2350	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	83	1322	2	20	34	12	80	\$51800	14	\$10075	\$4148	\$768	\$4586	89	326	2102	1367	60	256	379	48	\$991

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT OF PRESIDING ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		Total Support: Pastors, Pre- siding Elders and Bishops.	CONF. CLAIMANTS.		CUR. EXPEN		
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies	Amount Appor- tioned	Amount Paid	Amount Appor- tioned		Amount Paid.....	REC'D FROM		S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, Etc
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent.....	Total							Collections	Other Sources...		
Aberdeen.....	N. A. Swickard	\$1200	\$150	\$1350	\$1200	150	\$1350	\$150	\$150	12	\$18	\$1518	\$27	27	460	160	
Ashton.....	John Hall.....	500	50	550	500	50	550	56	56	6	3	609	2	2	28	84	
Bangor.....	P. S. Ingersoll.....	450	50	500	450	50	500	44	44	5	5	549	14	14	50	50	
Bath.....	W. D. Deeble.....	700	100	800	700	100	800	60	60	4	4	864	20	20	75	25	
Bowdle.....	F. A. Gossman.....	350	350	350	350	350	350	36	36	3	3	389	4	4	20	74	
Britton.....	W. H. Cory.....	700	700	700	600	600	\$110	64	64	6	6	670	10	10	94	65	
Claremont..	P. H. Weston.....	550	30	580	500	30	530	45	45	7	7	582	4	4	40	87	
Conde.....	J. E. Watson.....	500	50	550	440	50	490	50	50	2	4	544	3	3	57	41	
Devos.....	E. E. Dean.....	450	50	500	400	50	450	44	44	5	5	499	10	5	18	37	
Doland.....	R. H. Dempsey.....	412	75	487	420	75	495	55	55	9	3	553	8	8	118	72	
Frederick..	L. A. McCulloch.....	550	550	507	507	43	48	48	48	1	1	555	10	10	75	60	
Groton.....	Jnos. Sanderson.....	700	700	700	700	700	700	60	60	5	5	765	15	15	100	125	
Hecla.....	L. H. Parker.....	300	50	350	270	50	320	30	30	2	2	352	.....	.....	10	5
Langford.....	L. W. Putnum.....	475	100	575	475	100	575	60	57	4	4	636	6	6	86	40	
Leola.....	.....	31	31	31	31	31	31	24	24	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	5	.....
Mound City..	F. A. Fox.....	400	120	520	400	120	520	50	50	5	5	575	10	10	69	36	
Northville.....	L. V. Slocumb.....	590	50	640	590	50	640	64	64	9	9	713	8	8	100	90	
Warner.....	F. L. Brounaghim.....	500	500	500	500	500	500	44	44	6	6	544	5	5	28	40	
Total	\$9337	\$875	10243	\$9002	\$875	\$9908	\$343	\$984	\$981	\$111	\$83	\$10972	\$127	\$36	1438	991

STATISTICS No. 1, 2.

HURON DISTRICT.

J. P. JENKINS, Presiding Elder.

NAME OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP' MS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.								
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Mem- bers	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized	No. of Adults Baptized	Ns. of Churches	Probable Value	No. of Parsonages	Probable Value	Paid for Building & Improving Church- es and Parsonages.	Property	Paid on Old Indeb- tedness on Church Property	Present Indebted- ness on Church Property	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance	Officers and Teach- ers who are Church Mem. or Prob'n's.	Scholars, whether at- tendants or Mem- bers in Home Dep't, who are Ch. Mem. or Probationers	No. Members of S. S. Conv'd During Yr	Current Expenses --
Alpena	16	130	1	10	2	1	2	\$ 2700	1	\$ 700	\$ 2700	---	\$ 325	2	19	110	85	19	17	10	41
Blunt	3	43	---	---	1	---	1	2400	---	---	175	---	---	1	5	60	45	3	---	---	23
Burdette	10	65	---	---	3	---	1	600	1	200	70	---	15	2	12	50	40	12	25	10	25
Cavour	34	83	1	---	---	---	3	2100	---	---	---	---	350	3	18	96	50	12	---	1	---
DeSmet	5	60	---	---	---	---	1	2300	---	800	---	30	---	1	10	56	34	10	---	---	25
Faulkton	6	104	---	2	3	5	2	5500	---	---	375	\$ 90	1400	2	19	138	100	19	---	121	70
Forest City	2	15	---	---	11	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	15
Gettysburg	---	82	1	1	---	---	2	1750	1	600	726	---	1400	4	36	200	140	23	70	2	77
Highmore	2	47	1	---	---	---	1	2200	1	600	35	---	2250	3	12	65	40	12	32	2	20
Hitchcock	3	123	2	1	9	---	2	2000	1	500	65	---	491	3	30	150	128	22	102	4	80
Huron	6	260	2	4	10	8	1	10000	1	1000	164	---	---	1	27	200	151	26	---	5	81
Iroquois	16	76	---	---	2	9	2	2500	1	500	100	---	800	2	14	120	75	13	---	13	29
Miller and St. Lawrence	---	61	---	---	1	---	2	2000	2	900	190	30	1575	2	20	75	50	16	40	---	15
Onida	---	54	---	1	7	3	1	800	1	400	---	---	200	2	12	65	50	12	---	---	18
Okoboga	9	58	1	---	2	---	1	600	1	400	180	---	---	2	15	85	75	8	---	15	35
Pierre	16	170	1	2	12	16	2	6000	---	---	139	400	850	2	27	135	150	24	80	20	91
Redfield	1	95	---	---	2	---	1	2500	1	1200	150	140	109	1	14	120	75	14	30	4	60
Wessington	1	60	1	---	10	3	1	1000	1	---	70	---	35	2	12	75	65	8	30	7	32
Winthrop	23	55	---	3	1	16	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	30	190	150	25	100	18	80
Wolsey	11	72	---	---	---	---	1	1500	1	150	---	---	873	3	17	75	60	17	---	5	20
Wessington Springs	8	126	2	1	3	13	1	1600	1	800	3500	30	100	2	16	72	---	12	15	6	6
Total	172	1839	13	28	75	76	28	\$50050	15	\$750	\$ 8639	\$ 720	\$10773	44	365	2187	1563	307	541	243	842

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT OF PRESIDING ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.	CONF. CLAIMANTS.		CUR. EXPEN.			
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Apportioned		Amount Paid	RECD FROM Collections	Other Sources	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, Etc.	Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, Etc.	
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total											
Alpena	R. H. Stokes	\$ 600	\$100	\$ 700	\$600	\$100	\$ 700		\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 7	\$ 5	\$ 765	\$ 12	\$ 12	\$ 55	\$ 41	
Blunt	G. L. Granger	500		500	520		520		44	44	2		504		4	36	23	
Burdette	N. J. Willits	450	50	500	213	50	263	\$237	45	36	5	5	304	9	9	6	25	
Cavour	A. C. Bevers	324		324	264		264	60	33	32			296					
DeSmet	C. E. Logsdon	425	100	525	425	100	525		42	44	8	4	571	5	5	65	25	
Faulton	W. B. Redburn	700		700	700		700		64	64	7	5	769	13	13	140	70	
Forest City	J. W. A. Collins	300		300	300		300		30	30	3	3	333	6	6		15	
Gettysburg	A. M. Ward	575	72	647	455	72	527	120	57	55	5		582	3	3	71	77	
Highmore	C. G. Paulson	360	60	420	342	60	402	18	36	36	4	2	440	1	1	33	20	
Hitchcock	E. E. Saxton	525	50	575	442	50	492	53	52	52	10	10	554	10	10	68	80	
Huron	W. J. Calfee	1200	150	1350	1200	150	1300		150	150		10	1510	15	15	174	81	
Iroquois	A. W. Thurston	410	60	470	410	60	470		41	41	5	5	516	6	6	68	20	
Miller and St. Lawrence	J. E. Norvell	425	72	497	404	72	476	21	42	42			518	3	3	35	15	
Onida	Geo. Escher	240	48	288	238	48	276	12	24	24	2	2	302	4	4	12	18	
Okobojo	F. J. Long	400	40	440	364	40	404	36	40	36			440	1	1		34	
Pierre	J. E. Houlgate	800		800	800		800		80	80	11	11	891	16	16	150	91	
Redfield	W. L. Meinzer	700	150	850	700	150	850		70	70	11	2	922	10	10	140	60	
Wessington	B. F. Stiles	425		425	375		375	50	42	42	4	4	420	4	4	32	32	
Wessington Springs	G. D. Brown	554	96	650	554	96	650		55	55	7	5	710	11	11	65	80	
Winthrop	M. W. Smith	355		355	365		355		35	35	6	6	396	8	8	10	20	
Wolsey	C. B. Warren	340	50	390	294	50	344	46	34	34			378			36	6	
Totals		10608	1098	11706	9945	1098	11043	1683	\$ 1076	\$ 1060	\$ 102	\$ 79	\$12181	\$139	\$ 4	\$143	1201	\$842

STATISTICS No. 1, 2.

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

C. E. HAGER, Presiding Elder.

NAME OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP' MS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.							SUNDAY SCHOOL ^s .									
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Mem- bers -----	No. of Local Preachers -----	No. of Deaths -----	No. of Children Baptized -----	No. of Adults Baptized -----	No. of Churches -----	Probable Value -----	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value -----	Paid for Building & Improving Church- es and Parsonages..	Paid on Old Indebt- edness on Church Property.....	Present Indebted- ness on Church Property.....	No. of Schools.....	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all Grades.....	Average Attendance	No. of Members in the Home Dep't.---	Officers and Teach- ers who are Church Mem. or Prob'n's.	Scholars, whether at- tendants or Mem- bers in Home Dep't, who are Ch. Mem. or Probationers.---	No. Members of S. S. Conv'd During Yr	Current Expenses --	
Alexandria	17	186	2		5	16	2	\$ 3000						3	28	210	145		25	120	20	60	
Armour	2	74	1		3	3		2000	1	\$ 600	\$ 26				1	12	100	60					40
Artesian	9	76		1			1	1800			45		\$ 500		2	16	50	40			4	10	
Bridgewater & Canistota	23	108	2		8	2	3	4500			175	\$ 250		3	18	150	75		16		20	40	
Carthage and Roswell	1	39		2			2	1500					500	2	15	60	40	35	15	25	2	25	
Chamberlain	12	50	1		2	4								3	20	125						40	
Castalia							1	1400															
Edgerton		140			5	20	1	600	1	1000	900			4	25	200	150		25	75	25	60	
Ethan	28	55		2	2	31	1	1500			53		391	2	14	95	75		14	40	19	40	
Fulton	3	114	1	2	2	1	2	1800	1	400	215			5	45	200	107		34		6	75	
Howard	6	48		2			1	3000	1	500	50		285	1	10	80	50		7	40	3	20	
Kimball	5	30	1	2			1	2000	1	800	35	16		1	8	50	35		8		3	30	
LaRoche		58			4									1	10	75	50		10			17	
Letcher	5	40					1	1300				50	200	2	20	50	30		16	20		20	
Mitchell	8	260	2	1	3	5	1	5000	1	1200	300			1	24	200	135		24	110	7	65	
Mt. Vernon	3	60	1		1	15	1	2500	1	800	175		1100	1	15	93	63		15		9	36	
Parkston	1	28					1	1500			200			1	10	50	40		9			35	
Plankinton	6	90		2	2	7	2	3800			1800			2	23	190	110		15	80	20	61	
Salem	28	153			10	30	1	2800	1	2000	800		600	2	28	230	145		20	150	25	85	
Scotland	3	70		3	1	1	1	2500	1	1100	50	124	300	2	23	125	75		18			50	
Springfield	6	57		2	9	1	2	4000			200		750	2	19	130	90		14	35	4	60	
Tripp and Delmont	6	88			4	2	2	2600	1	500	1280	176	400	2	15	150	70		14		2	70	
Tyndall	3	68			3	2	2	2600	1	1200	110			2	19	120	80		17		5	55	
White Lake	13	94		1	1	4	1	2000			272	25	32	3	31	152	101		28		12	50	
Woonsocket	8	105					1	1800	1	1400	45		1250	1	12	100	85		10	75		35	
Totals	196	2073	11	20	68	144	32	\$55500	12	\$11500	\$ 6731	\$ 641	\$ 6308	49	460	2985	2023	35	389	770	186	1109	

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT OF PRESIDING ELDERS.	SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		Total Support: Pastors, Pre- siding Elders, and Bishops.	CONF. CLAIMANTS.		CUR. EXPEN.				
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.				Deficiencies.	Amount Appor- tioned		Amount Paid.	RE'CD FROM		Total			
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total											
Alexandria	Thomas Simmons	\$ 800		\$ 800	\$ 856		\$ 856		\$ 56	\$ 56	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 922	\$ 19	\$ 19	\$ 135	\$ 90	
Armour	M. E. Nickerson	740	60	800	600	60	600	140	48	48	0	0	710	5	5	58	40	
Artesian	Henry A. Dalrymple	405	45	450	305	45	350	100	40	35			385	1	1	25	10	
Bridgewater and Canistota	I. P. Potter	525		525	525		525		44	44	2	2	571	4	4	50	40	
Carthage and Roswell	Wm. Slocum	350	50	400	235	50	285	115	32	27	3		312			25	25	
Chamberlain	Frank E. Baldwin			400	400		400		44	44	2	2	446	2	2	30	40	
Edgerton	T. J. Davis	700	80	780	700	80	780		45	45	6	6	834			20	60	
Ethan	J. W. Peterson	400		400	400		400		32	32	4	4	436		6	40	40	
Fulton	G. J. Corwin	600	100	700	510	100	610	90	50	48	6	3	661	12	12	27	75	
Howard	H. S. Coon	500	95	596	426	96	522	74	40	40	4	2	564	10	10	38	20	
Kimball	J. N. Fulford	300	72	372	300	72	372		30	30	2	2	404	2	2	20	30	
La Roche	Frank Brokaw	400	35	435	450	35	485		32	32	4	3	520	5	5		17	
Letcher	R. N. Kratz	350		350	300		300	50	21	20	4		320	1	1	20	20	
Mitchell	T. H. Youngman	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150		125	125	15	15	1290	25	25	198	65	
Mt. Vernon	F. J. Norton	600	100	700	600	100	700		40	40	3	3	743	5	5	115	35	
Parkston	James Guernsey	278		278	278		278		40	40			318			35	35	
Plankinton	S. A. Chappell	700		700	680		680	20	48	48	6	6	734	14	14	80	61	
Salem	W. S. Shepherd	800	100	900	800	100	900		55	56		5	961	16	16	125	85	
Scotland	Oliver Williams	750	100	850	750	100	850		48	48		3	901	6	6	100	50	
Springfield	W. A. Cave	500		500	515		515		32	32	6	6	553	8	4	10	60	
Tripp and Delmont	N. P. Johnson	520	72	592	520	72	592		44	44		1	637		8	40	70	
Tyndall	A. P. Janes	575	100	675	515	100	615	60	40	40		4	659		10	35	55	
White Lake	J. C. Baker	500	36	536	500	36	536		36	36	4	4	576	10	10	40	50	
Woonsocket	W. F. Minty	550	100	650	550	100	650		48	44		2	696	11	11	95	35	
Total		12843	1296	11139	12715	1266	14011	649	\$ 1073	\$ 1057	\$ 87	\$ 85	\$ 15153	\$ 170	\$ 14	\$ 184	\$ 993	

NAME OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP'TMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.								
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Mem- bers	No. of Local Preachers	No. of Deaths	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for Building & Improv'g Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on Old Indeb- tedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtd- ness on Church Property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all Grades	Average Attendance	Officers and Teach- ers who are Church Mem. or Prob'm's.	Scholars, whether at- tendants or Mem- bers in Home Dep't, who are Ch. Mem. or Probationers.	No. Members of S. S. Conv'd During Yr	Current Expenses
Alcester.....	14	92			13	7	2	\$ 3200	1	\$ 1000	\$ 287	\$ 165	353	1	11	90	55	10	40	5	\$ 30
Beresford.....	10	109	1		3	4	1	1800	1	1100	49	318		1	10	100	60	14	65	4	32
Canton.....	12	224	3	3	5	6	1	5000	1	500				1	15	220	125	15		13	139
Colman.....	16	70	1	3			3	4400			1000	240	140	3	25	145	100	21	50	13	40
Centerville.....	29	105	1	2	1	8	2	4300	1	1000	200	425		2	25	172					
Dell Rapids.....	29	108			4		1	1200	1	1000				2	11	145	80	8	40		35
Elk Point.....	8	24				2	2	5000	1	1500		40	750	1	13	100	60	12	25	1	35
Egan.....	24	87			5	6	1	1300	1	400	205	83		2	25	176	120	20	51	8	56
Flandreau.....	4	108		1	7	4	1	4800	1	1700	75	195	400	3	28	225	145	23	50		88
Flandreau Circuit.....	2	37	2		1	2								3	10	84	60	25	25		12
Gayville.....	6	96	2	1	6	1	2	2800	1	750	210	256	425	2	14	80	60	12	40	3	35
Hartford.....	17	81			2	7	1	2000	1	800	115			3	25	218		20			94
Hurley.....	26	97	1	1		4	2	2500	1	400	135		600	2	17	105	80			29	86
Hudson.....	14	97		2			2	4500	1	600	230	20	500	2	20	130	100	20	80	5	55
Harrisburg.....	21	69	2			5		700	1	600			100	3	28	85		27		20	
Jordan Church.....	5	60	1				2	3000		160			1120	2	18	105	83	18	18		45
Lennox.....	6	61		2			2	3000	1	1000	2200			2	27	175	125	24	12	2	60
Lodi.....	2	35		1	2	5	3	3300	1	500	42	177	245	2	14	66	51	10	23	6	31
Madison.....	15	205	1	1	3	12	1	3000	1	1500	21	250	250	1	24	220	127	22	82	10	86
Montrose.....	18	65		2	1		1	2000						2	14	35	35				
Parker.....	70	140	1	3	7	5	2	6000	1	1500	48	100	330	2	21	250	166	19	39	25	90
Sioux Falls, First Church.....	30	238	1	5	17	14	1	12000	1	5000	300		2100	1	29	271	203	29	100	30	120
Valley Springs.....	4	77	2		2	1	2	2700				256	39	5	28	210	122	23			58
Vermillion.....	38	325	1	2	1	2	1	8000	1	2500	300	1235		1	20	225	175	26	20	10	100
Wakonda.....	9	66	1	1	2	8	3	3800			135	31	270	4	42	195	150	35	140	15	62
Worthing.....	1	63					1	1500						1	5	45	25	5			
Yankton.....	6	124			12	10	1	4000	1	2000	140		700	1	21	150	85	20	33	1	75
Total.....	407	2933	20	31	94	114	41	95100	21	23450	6512	3791	8322	53	530	4022	2386	441	933	200	1563

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT OF PRESIDING ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders, and Bishops.	CONF. CLAIMANTS.			CUR. EXPEN.		
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.		Amount Paid.	Re'CD FROM	Total	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, Etc.	CUR. Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, Etc.	
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total											
Alcester	R. B. Beavis	\$ 575	\$144	\$ 719	\$ 575	\$144	\$ 719		\$ 52	\$ 52	\$ 6	\$ 2	\$ 773	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 40	\$ 30	
Beresford	O. A. Phillips	600	100	700	555	100	655	\$ 45	50	50		1	706	10	5	15	73	32
Canton	C. E. Matteson	800	100	900	800	100	900		50	50	11	11	995	16		16	216	139
Colman	S. H. Shurtleff	525		525	418		418	106	50	45			463				70	40
Centerville	G. T. Notson	800	120	920	800	120	920		64	64	8	4	988	13	13		200	95
Dell Rapids	Amos Emmott	600	100	700	600	100	700		60	56		3	759	10	10		42	35
Elk Point	A. E. Rigby	575	150	725	502	150	652	73	52	52	7	2	706	5		5	110	35
Egan	Thos. A. Stamp	590	60	650	590	60	650		50	50	5	5	705	12	12	12	61	56
Flandreau	Geo. F. Hopkins	800	150	950	800	150	950		70	70	9	6	1026	12	12	12	102	58
Flandreau Circuit	D. C. Arms	135		135	88		88	47	20	20			105				12	12
Gayville	J. C. Duval	600	100	700	410	100	510	190	52	47	8	4	561	8	8		50	35
Hartford	A. Jamieson	500	84	584	500	84	584		50	50		3	637	11	11	105	94	60
Hurley	L. W. Darling	500	72	572	500	72	572		45	36			608		2		75	60
Hudson	H. P. Eberhart	650	72	722	650	72	722		52	52		3	777	10	10	100	55	
Harrisburg	H. I. Farr	550		550	550		550		32	32	5	2	584	10	10	50		
Jordan Church	W. B. Stewart	425		425	425		425		40	40	7		465	5	5	35	45	
Lennox	A. E. Tanner	573	75	648	583	75	658		50	50	2	2	710	4		4	95	70
Lodi	H. F. Hitch	355	50	415	294	50	344	71	40	40			384	3	3		31	36
Madison	A. C. Shepherd	900	150	1050	900	150	1050		90	90	13	7	1147	18	18	191		
Montrose	M. W. Smith	334		334	334		334		40	28		6	363					
Parker	F. T. Nichols	800	150	950	800	150	950		80	80	10	5	1035	14	14	150	90	
Sioux Falls, First Church	W. H. Jordan	1500	400	1900	1500	400	1900		116	116	18	18	2034	45	45	400	120	
Valley Springs	John Kaye	520	60	580	520	60	580		50	45	5	2	627	5	5	60	58	
Vermillion	D. C. McLean	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200		100	100	16	14	1314	20	20	300	100	
Wakonda	W. O. Redfield	650		650	623		623	27	52	52	7	7	682	12	12	57	62	
Worthing	J. W. Farr	325		325	325		325		31	31			356	2	2			
Yankton	Lachlin McLean	700	200	900	700	200	900		50	50	7	4	954	14	14	110	75	
Total		16882	2537	19419	16342	2537	18884	559	1522	1482	152	106	20467	269	5	276	2692	1563

STATISTICS No. 1, 2.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

DUANE RIFENBARK, Presiding Elder.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAP'TMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.										
	No. of Probationers	No. of Full Mem- bers.....	No. of Local Preachers.....	No. of Deaths.....	No. of Adults Baptized.....	No. of Children Baptized.....	No. of Churches.....	Probable Value.....	No. of Parsonages...	Probable Value.....	Paid for Building & Improving Church- es and Parsonages..	Paid on Old Indebt- edness on Church Property.....	Present Indebted- ness on Church Property.....	No. of Scholars of all Grades.....	No. of Officers and Teachers.....	No. of Schools.....	Average Attendance	Members in Home Department.....	Officers and Teach- ers who are Church Mem. or Prob't's.	Scholars, whether at- tendants or Mem- bers in Home Dep't., who are Ch. Mem. or Probationers.....	No. Members of S. S. Conv'd During Yr	Current Expenses --	
Arlington.....	2	75	---	1	4	4	1	\$2000	1	\$800	---	---	---	25	143	3	3	---	17	---	34	---	\$ 75
Big Stone City.....	4	85	---	7	4	---	1	2300	1	700	---	---	650	14	120	1	1	---	14	---	50	---	60
Bradley.....	12	91	---	---	6	6	2	2500	1	600	900	125	125	16	120	2	2	---	15	---	---	14	40
Bristol.....	9	47	1	1	6	1	1	2000	---	465	65	125	275	14	58	1	1	---	14	---	22	6	26
Brookings.....	1	175	---	1	3	3	1	3000	1	1200	140	---	---	14	175	1	1	---	13	---	104	---	38
Brookings Cir. (U. S.).....	1	19	2	---	---	---	1	1600	---	---	100	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Castlewood and Bruce.....	7	50	---	---	---	---	2	3000	---	---	900	100	600	20	100	3	3	---	18	---	---	3	50
Clark.....	---	100	---	1	3	1	1	2000	---	---	260	100	---	13	90	1	1	64	12	---	30	4	---
Clear Lake.....	22	91	---	---	32	---	1	1400	1	1500	500	500	400	18	90	2	2	---	18	---	2	34	60
Elkton*.....	---	45	---	---	---	---	1	10 0	---	---	---	---	---	21	125	3	3	---	21	---	60	---	50
Garden City.....	3	90	1	1	6	1	1	800	---	---	30	---	---	20	140	3	3	---	18	---	---	12	50
Gary.....	4	78	2	---	2	1	1	2000	1	500	---	400	---	15	80	2	2	---	15	---	---	---	22
Hazel.....	19	75	1	---	3	3	2	2700	1	1500	31	450	---	23	116	1	1	---	15	---	28	5	47
Henry.....	11	80	---	---	2	---	1	1500	1	500	70	---	---	10	71	1	1	---	8	---	30	---	47
Kampeska (U. S.).....	---	21	---	---	---	---	1	1200	1	500	90	65	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Lake Preston.....	2	35	1	3	7	---	1	1500	1	600	45	30	---	14	60	1	1	---	14	---	25	---	30
Milbank.....	25	107	1	---	8	10	1	10000	1	700	30	300	---	19	248	1	1	---	15	---	91	19	75
Sisseton.....	16	48	---	---	1	1	1	1750	1	1000	190	87	713	13	98	2	2	---	8	---	---	---	30
Summit and Waubay.....	---	31	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12	70	2	2	---	10	---	---	---	20
Twin Brooks.....	---	25	---	1	---	---	3	3500	---	---	---	900	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Watertown.....	16	230	4	---	3	5	1	15000	1	2000	200	150	1400	25	200	1	1	---	22	---	---	5	120
Webster.....	6	100	1	---	14	10	1	3000	1	1000	300	218	800	17	125	2	2	---	16	---	30	15	100
White.....	3	209	2	---	1	---	2	3150	1	800	171	280	---	25	170	2	2	---	25	---	95	---	80
White Rock.....	22	87	2	12	8	---	---	---	1	750	50	150	218	26	170	4	4	---	18	---	82	19	68
Willow Lakes*.....	---	40	1	1	---	---	2	3000	1	700	45	35	---	6	60	2	2	---	4	---	15	---	22
Wilmot and Carona.....	---	98	1	2	6	7	2	4000	1	500	---	---	625	16	120	2	2	---	16	---	50	3	50
Total.....	185	2132	0	31	84	100	32	\$73000	10	\$16315	\$4635	\$2136	\$8051	44	306	2740	1000	64	346	---	772	135	1200

* Report taken from last year's Conference Minutes.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT						SUPPORT OF PRESIDING ELDERS		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS		Total Support: Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops.....	CONF. CLAIMANTS		CUR. EXPENSES			
		CLAIMS			RECEIPTS			Deficiencies.....	Amount Apportioned.....	Amount Paid.....	Amount Apportioned.....		Amount Paid.....	REC'V'D FROM		Church: Sexton, Light, Fuel, Etc.	S. S. Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.....	
		Salary.....	House Rent.....	Total.....	Salary.....	House Rent.....	Total.....							Collections ..	Other Sources			
Arlington	Frank Baker.....	\$ 600	\$ 100	\$ 700	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 600	\$100	48	40	5	3	643	10	10	65	75	
Big Stone City.....	A. L. Fisher.....	500	75	575	500	75	575	---	40	40	5	5	620	12	12	75	60	
Bradley	H. F. Knight.....	500	100	600	500	100	600	---	40	40	5	4	640	10	10	40	40	
Bristol	Orien E. Boyce.....	350	50	400	375	50	425	---	28	28	3	3	456	7	7	34	26	
Brookings	Albert S. Mason.....	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	---	80	71	10	10	1231	17	17	135	38	
Brookings Circuit	L. G. Knight.....	380	---	380	351	---	351	29	30	24	---	---	375	---	---	75	---	
Castlewood and Bruce.....	Jas. W. Martin.....	400	---	400	225	---	225	175	24	24	5	---	249	---	---	75	50	
Clark	A. D. Dexter.....	550	---	550	550	---	550	---	40	40	2	---	592	5	5	100	40	
Clear Lake	F. F. Case.....	460	60	520	460	60	520	---	32	32	3	3	555	2	2	50	60	
Elkton	J. F. Bradley.....	---	---	---	178	---	178	---	---	22	---	---	200	---	---	---	---	
Garden City	O. M. Hyde.....	425	---	425	450	---	450	---	30	32	4	4	486	10	10	40	50	
Gary	A. J. Griswold.....	400	50	450	281	50	331	119	36	36	---	---	367	---	---	---	---	
Hazel	H. M. Springer.....	520	120	640	520	120	640	---	45	45	6	6	691	14	14	115	47	
Henry	C. O. Walker.....	450	100	550	465	100	565	---	36	36	5	3	604	5	5	50	47	
Kampeska	Paul Shepersky.....	300	50	350	284	50	334	16	24	20	3	3	357	3	3	12	---	
Lake Preston.....	Wm. Barrie.....	400	75	475	400	75	475	---	32	32	---	---	509	---	---	25	30	
Milbank	S. J. Watson.....	800	100	900	800	100	900	---	64	64	8	8	972	13	3	260	75	
Sisseton	L. L. Lane.....	525	144	669	481	144	625	44	42	43	2	2	670	10	10	14	30	
Summit and Waubay.....	E. S. Bossely.....	250	---	250	---	---	---	---	23	23	---	5	278	---	---	---	20	
Twin Brooks	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	
Watertown	A. C. Stevens.....	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	---	100	100	---	8	1608	25	25	350	120	
Webster	Jas. S. Harkness.....	750	---	750	750	---	750	---	50	51	6	6	807	17	8	200	100	
White	G. B. Dibble.....	750	150	900	750	150	900	---	72	75	8	8	983	15	15	205	80	
White Rock	W. C. Ehlers.....	450	100	550	450	100	550	---	36	44	4	5	599	12	12	18	68	
Willow Lakes	C. R. Anderson.....	---	60	60	181	60	241	---	30	27	---	---	268	---	---	---	22	
Wilmot and Corona.....	G. E. Webster.....	625	100	725	625	100	725	---	48	48	---	---	773	2	2	35	50	
Total.....	---	\$12585	\$1884	\$14469	\$12526	\$1884	\$14410	\$483	\$1030	\$1039	\$ 79	\$ 90	\$15499	\$189	\$16	\$205	\$1900	\$1200

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	* Conference Claimants.	* Episcopal Fund	Total
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Total					(a) Public Educational Collection	(b) Children's Fund								
Alpena	\$ 47		\$ 47	\$ 5	\$ 2	\$ 2	\$ 4	\$ 22		\$ 1					\$ 12	\$ 5	\$ 100
Blunt	6		6	1			2	18							4		15
Burdette	25		25	2	1	1			2						9	5	65
Cavour	16		16	3			1										20
DeSmet	36	\$ 9	45	3	1	1		6	2	1							71
Faulton	44	6	50	10			5	15	8				\$ 7		13	5	123
Forest City	15		15	3	1	1	2	10		1				\$ 3	6	3	45
Gettysburg	15		15				1	10	10				40		3		79
Highmore	5		5				2	4	1						1	2	15
Hitchcock	50		50	5	1	1	3	12	8				24		10	10	133
Huron	95		95	10	1	1	5	40	7		\$ 9				15	10	208
Iroquois	29	11	40	5	1	1	3	20	2						8	5	85
Miller and St. Lawrence	10		10				2	6			8				3		29
Onida	14		14	3		1	2	5					5		4	2	36
Okoboji	6		6	1			1	1							1		10
Pierre	35	40	75	10	2	2	6	35	11	1	25		277		16	11	515
Redfield	50	25	75	3			6	35			24			7	10	2	162
Wessington	25		25	4	1	1	2	15					12		4	4	56
Wessington Springs	34	11	45	6	1	1	5	26	3						11	5	115
Winthrop	25	1	26	2	1	1		10	2	1				3	8	6	61
Wolsey	6		6					4									10
Totals	\$ 590	\$ 103	\$ 693	\$ 76	\$ 13	\$ 14	\$ 68	\$ 294	\$ 56	\$ 5	\$ 180		\$ 365	\$ 13	\$ 143	\$ 79	\$ 2043

DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	* Conference Claimants	* Episcopal Fund	Total
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Total					(a) Public Educational Collection	(b) Children's Fund								
Alexandria	\$ 86	\$ 24	\$ 110	\$ 13	\$ 3	\$ 2	\$ 8	\$ 36	\$ 12	\$ 3	\$ 67	\$ ---	\$ 292	\$ ---	\$ 19	\$ 10	\$ 375
Armour	27	8	35	2	1	1	2	20	3	---	1	---	---	1	5	2	73
Artesian	9	---	9	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	10
Bridgewater and Canistota	21	---	21	3	---	---	2	5	3	---	4	---	---	---	4	2	47
Carthage and Roswell	9	---	9	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	14
Chamberlain	18	---	18	1	---	---	3	---	5	1	2	---	5	---	2	2	51
Edgerton	45	---	45	8	1	1	4	---	10	---	---	---	15	---	---	6	75
Ethan	15	5	20	2	---	---	2	2	---	---	20	---	---	---	8	4	288
Fulton	24	---	24	3	---	---	8	14	3	---	24	---	130	---	---	3	91
Howard	9	10	19	2	---	---	2	15	5	---	---	---	3	10	2	2	58
Kimball	15	7	22	1	---	---	2	---	2	---	20	---	15	---	2	2	68
LaRoche	11	---	11	---	---	---	---	---	4	1	10	---	10	---	5	3	43
Letcher	10	---	10	1	---	---	1	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	16
Mitchell	172	37	209	19	2	1	5	125	7	2	163	---	130	17	25	15	720
Mt. Vernon	1	29	30	4	1	---	2	20	5	---	---	---	32	---	5	3	102
Parkston	5	---	5	---	---	---	---	5	---	---	19	---	7	---	---	---	36
Plankinton	37	3	40	6	---	---	4	25	3	---	29	---	---	---	14	6	127
Salem	40	25	65	6	1	1	3	30	2	1	---	---	70	---	16	5	200
Scotland	10	20	30	3	---	---	3	11	4	---	---	---	---	---	6	3	60
Springfield	13	4	17	1	---	---	1	10	3	---	---	---	20	2	10	6	70
Tripp and Delmont	20	6	26	4	---	---	2	12	1	---	---	---	---	---	8	1	54
Tyndall	24	11	35	5	---	---	5	20	3	---	---	---	---	---	10	4	82
White Lake	20	5	25	5	1	1	5	15	5	1	16	---	36	---	10	4	122
Woonsocket	17	13	30	5	2	---	3	15	---	---	11	---	---	---	11	2	79
Total	\$ 658	\$ 207	\$ 865	\$ 94	\$ 12	\$ 7	\$ 64	\$ 387	\$ 80	\$ 8	\$ 386	\$ 2	\$ 765	\$ 20	\$ 184	\$ 85	\$ 2861

BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MISSIONS			Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society	EDUCATION		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Other Benevolent Collections	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claims	Episcopal Fund	Total
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Total					(a) Public Educational Collection	(b) Children's Fund								
Alcester	\$15	\$20	\$35	\$3	\$1	\$1	\$3	6	\$3				23		10	2	87
Beresford	29	4	33	3	1	1	2	25	2	\$1				2	15	1	88
Canton	131	24	155	16	1	1	9	45	5	1	\$43		44		16	11	347
Colman	15		15														15
Centerville	44	20	64	4	1	1	10	12	3		1		100		13	4	213
Dell Rapids	33	2	35	5	2	1	5	15		2					10	3	78
Elk Point	16		16	3	1	1	5	5	3	1	23				5	2	62
Egan	55	10	65	5	1	1	3	15	5	1			110		12	5	223
Flandreau	59	21	80	15	1	1	6	18	15	1	8		20		12	6	166
Flandreau Circuit	6		6						2								8
Gayville		2	12		1		4	2					72		8	4	103
Hurley	10	2	12					2	2				57		2		102
Hartford	6	2	8	1	1	1	2	2									106
Hudson	28	7	35	3	1	1	3	4	1		2	\$2	40		11	3	154
Harrisburg	17	3	20	3	1	1	3	8		1			104		10	3	154
Jordan Church	30		30	5	1	1	3	13	3				20		10	2	88
Lennox	25	5	30	5				13			11		17		5		81
Lennox	37	2	39	2	1	1	1	7	1		66		21		4	2	145
Lodi	10		10	3			1	4	5	1			13		3		41
Montrose																	21
Madison	17		17	1	1	1	1									1	21
Parker	167	40	207	17	2	2	11	35	2	1	200	2	145		18	7	149
Sioux Falls First Church	80	20	100	12	1	1	7	38	1	1	53		125		14	5	350
Valley Springs	240	70	310	30	3	3	20	75	10	2	176		262		45	18	954
Vermillion	10	3	13	3	1	1	2	10	3				89		5	2	128
Wakonda	120	80	200		1	1		15		1	88		45		52	14	387
Worthing	40		40	5	1	1	4	25	8				60		12	7	163
Yankton	13		13	1		1	2	20		1					2		40
Totals	1284	354	1638	146	25	23	82	436	63	15	671	4	1397	2	276	106	4919

COMPARATIVE TABLE AND SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

DISTRICT.	Year -----	No. of Probationers ----	No. of Full Members----	No. of Baptisms-----	No. of Sunday Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers -----	No. of Scholars, all Ages -----	No. of Churches -----	Value of Churches-----	No. of Parsonages-----	Value of Parsonages----	Ministerial Support ----
Aberdeen.....	1899 1900	132 83	1356 1322	116 46	38 39	325 326	2085 2102	30 30	\$ 50,850 51,300	10 10	\$ 5,775 10,075	\$ 9,313 10,972
*Gain or Loss.....		—49	—34	—70	1	1	17	-----	450	4	4,300	1,659
Huron.....	1899 1900	188 172	1759 1839	145 151	45 44	376 365	2358 2187	28 28	47,400 50,050	14 15	7,550 8,750	11,199 12,181
*Gain or Loss.....		—16	80	6	—1	—11	—171	-----	2,650	1	1,200	982
Mitchell.....	1899 1900	196 196	1982 2073	124 212	48 49	411 460	2904 2985	30 32	52,200 55,500	12 12	9,000 11,500	13,185 15,153
*Gain or Loss.....		-----	91	88	1	49	81	2	3,300	-----	2,500	1,968
Sioux Falls.....	1899 1900	299 407	2880 2933	179 208	48 53	473 530	3613 4022	37 41	8,900 95,100	19 21	23,550 23,450	18,978 20,461
*Gain or Loss.....		208	53	29	5	63	409	4	6,100	2	—100	1,483
Watertown.....	1899 1900	187 183	1980 2111	92 180	45 44	398 394	2734 2734	31 32	68,950 73,900	17 19	12,900 16,315	14,971 14,907
*Gain or Loss.....		1	130	88	—1	—4	-----	1	4,950	2	3,415	64
Grand Totals.....	1899 1900	103 1046	9957 10278	656 797	224 229	1983 2075	13694 14030	156 163	308,400 325,850	72 81	58,775 70,090	67,646 73,674
*Gain or Loss.....		43	321	141	5	1092	336	7	17,350	9	11,315	6,028

*Loss indicated by dash.

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NAMES OF CHARGES.	Year	Missionary Society.	Church Extension.	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid & Southern Education Society	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Asbury Hospital	Total Other Benevolent Collections.	General Conference Expenses	Conference Claims	Episcopal Fund	Grand Totals.
							(a) Public Educational Collection.	(b) Children's Fund									
Aberdeen District	1900	\$ 851	\$ 99	\$ 11	\$ 9	\$ 86	\$ 476	\$ 79	\$ 5	\$ 266	\$ 44	\$ 10	\$ 268	\$ 2	\$ 163	\$ 73	\$ 2439
	1899	815	98	20	15	90	331	69	17	179	4	30	166	83	163	92	2172
Huron District	-----	36	1	—9	—6	—10	145	10	—12	87	40	—20	102	—81	-----	—19	267
	1900	688	76	14	15	69	294	56	6	181	-----	5	148	10	146	80	1788
	1899	688	63	13	13	54	361	46	4	90	1	5	60	47	118	72	1671
Mitchell District	-----	-----	13	1	2	15	—7	10	2	91	—1	-----	88	—37	28	8	117
	1900	870	94	12	7	64	387	75	8	367	2	-----	396	20	183	86	2571
	1899	913	81	14	8	100	401	67	7	213	3	-----	344	44	157	80	2432
Sioux Falls District	-----	—43	13	—2	—1	—36	—14	8	1	154	—1	-----	52	—24	26	6	139
	1900	1628	146	26	23	112	436	67	15	671	4	17	1234	2	276	106	4763
	1899	1362	137	24	19	77	357	80	12	609	1	14	489	71	196	88	3536
Watertown District	-----	266	9	2	4	35	79	—13	3	62	3	3	745	—60	80	18	1227
	1900	1027	88	15	15	93	325	101	15	313	9	-----	700	17	205	90	3031
	1899	918	99	11	11	76	287	96	12	287	7	7	136	57	181	97	2288
For Conference	-----	109	—11	4	4	17	38	5	3	26	2	—7	564	—40	24	—7	725
	1900	5036	503	78	69	418	1918	378	49	1798	59	32	2746	51	973	435	14574
	1899	4696	478	82	66	397	1738	358	62	1378	16	51	1195	302	815	429	12099
	-----	343	25	—4	3	21	180	20	—3	420	43	—19	551	—251	158	6	2475

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
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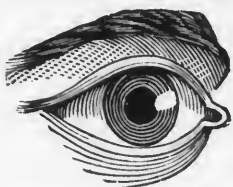
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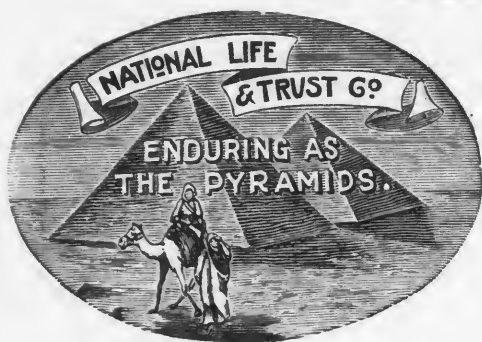
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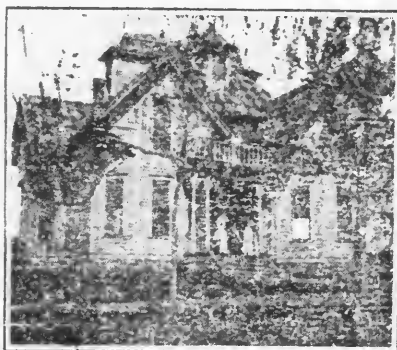
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